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Special to the "Telegraph"

A TREMENDOUS BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES WHEN NAZI DIVE-BOMBERS ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK A BRITISH CONVOY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS SPECIALLY DESCRIBED BY RICHARD McMILLAN, THE "UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT ABOARD A BRITISH BATTLESHIP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The message, received in Hongkong this morning was sent from the warship via Alexandria at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

It reveals that Fleet Air Arm fighters, taking off from an aircraft-carrier, broke up two attempts by German dive-bombers to smash a British supply convoy which was being escorted by units of the fleet.

One Heinkel was shot down and a second severely damaged.

In the course of the voyage, which lasted several days, the skies were alive with aircraft, but they were mostly British bombers and fighters, and not a single Italian machine was sighted.

Four-Day Operation

(BY "REUTER'S" CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET)

Feb. 24.—While some units of the fleet continue to maintain commuications along the Libyan coast, the main battle fleet, in a four-day operation in the Central Mediterranean, beat off German dive-bombers and successfully covered the passage of convoys.

Making a determined effort to break up and sink a British convoy under the powerful protection of British warships, dive-bombers operating from Italian bases attacked the fleet near the scene of the former unsuccessful attack against the aircraft carrier, Illustrious.

The British ships were undamaged and the German planes were driven off with losses.

To-day the Italian High Command claims that a German air formation attacked a British naval squadron in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting one big but unidentified warship so seriously that she probably sank. There was no confirmation in London of this claim.

This time the Germans had as target another aircraft carrier, but, probably still smarting from the heavy toll exacted by fighters from the Illustrious in the earlier attack, the enemy planes confined themselves to dropping bombs at other units of the fleet.

In addition to escorting a number of fast merchantmen safely, the warships carried out a prolonged sweep, according to plan and undeterred by either dive-bombers or the Italian fleet, of which there was still no sign.

Fighter Take Off

All day enemy shadowing planes tried to keep track of the fleet movements but they quickly disappeared when fighters took off from the aircraft carrier.

Fighters overtook a formation of Heinkel bombers, which were taken completely unawares. Diving suddenly on two enemy planes, they drove them almost into the sea. The bombers unloaded their bombs in the ocean in order to increase speed and elude the pursuers, but unavailingly and one German plane burst into flames and dived to its fate.

The second staggered off crippled as the British fighters came to the end of their ammunition.

Wary Approach

Enemy planes made a second wary appearance in stronger forces, sweeping down out of the sky as dusk fell, but though favoured by the failing light, the attack never materialised.

This was the last trouble from skyraiders and the fleet, proceeding on its scheduled course, endeavoured to locate the Italian fleet. Our pursuit of the enemy brought us close to the Italian coast: all guns, from 15-inchers down to the deadly network of pom-poms, swung broadside ready for action, but there was no sign of life from Il Duce's sailors—the British freedom of action in the Mediterranean remains as great as ever.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN E. AFRICA

Air and Land Co-operation

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—British operations in Italy's East African possessions continue to advance on all fronts.

Italian troops holding positions in Eritrea have been dispersed by British forces advancing from the north and many prisoners were taken.

The advance towards the south continues. On the road to Gondar, in Northern Abyssinia, the advance of British elements is developing satisfactorily.

The R.A.F. has been very active in various African battle zones. In Eritrea, a South African squadron yesterday destroyed eight Italian pursuit planes on the ground and damaged several others at Makale in a machine-gun attack.

Attack From Air

ADEN, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Aerodrome buildings at Adit Bala were extensively damaged by the R.A.F. in a raid, according to an R.A.F. communique.

Transport in the Dessie-Alomata area was bombed and machine-gunned. Lorries were damaged and casualties to personnel were caused.

The R.A.F. aircraft met with opposition but all got back safely.

Iceland Becomes A Fortress

British Troops In Occupation

(FROM "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 24.—In the nine months since British troops occupied this remote island, no time has been wasted in converting it into a fortress of the far north.

Permanent camps have been laid out, roads built and defences constructed. Britain has now consolidated her northern-most military outpost of Iceland, and British Army Headquarters here are confident that no attempt by Germany to oust the British would have the slightest chance of success.

The troops are cheerful and in excellent health, although having to contend with an erratic climate.

The food is good, mostly bought locally, and sickness has been remarkably low. English beer is now brewed for the British troops by an Icelandic firm.

Intensive training has been carried out, including a mock invasion. Training in mobile warfare is a special feature. Special Arctic equipment has been issued and skis have been supplied in large numbers. British soldiers have taken well to skiing.

Interest In Languages

Vocational training is popular and there is a tremendous interest in foreign languages. Many officers and men already speak the local tongue fluently.

Local leave is often used to tour the waterfalls, hot springs and other sights of Iceland, but no home leave has yet been granted except in a few cases for compassionate reasons. Relations between the High Command and the Icelandic Government are excellent.

Yugo-Slavs Demonstrate

Cheer British Royalty

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Police emptied a cinema house here following a pro-British demonstration during showing of a news reel in which the British King and Queen appeared.

This action was taken after three official warnings had been given without effect and repeated attempts by the management to restrain the audience had also failed.

The showing of the news reel concerned has now been banned.

Dutch Contribute War Weapons

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Two more bombers were presented to the Royal Dutch Navy by the "Prince Bernhard Fund," which acts as a worldwide Dutch War Weapons Committee.

Altogether 64 Spitfires and 23 bombers have now been presented to the Dutch and British forces by Free Dutch all over the world.

U. S. Submarines In Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (UP).—The National Broadcasting Company reported to-day that according to a B.B.C. announcement, 60 United States submarines have arrived in the Philippines.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

R.A.F. Back Greek Operations

ATHENS, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Supporting the Greek operations, the R.A.F. successfully bombed Dukazi, north-west of Tepelini during Sunday, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece.

Buildings were hit as well as enemy positions to the south, while bombs were seen to burst on anti-aircraft batteries.

Local Engagements

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Greek operations against the Italians in Albania have been restricted owing to heavy rain and thick mists, stated the Athens radio to-night.

The recently captured large mountain ranges, ridges and areas have been systematically cleaned up with the result that more prisoners have been captured and more automatic weapons and good quantities of tents and blankets have been taken.

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Churchill Receives Japanese

Fruitful Talks

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns from well-informed Japanese circles in London that the interview between the Japanese Ambassador and the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to-day was very fruitful and should greatly contribute to the dissipation of certain misunderstandings that have arisen between the two countries.

The Axis End

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 24 (Domei).—Mr Zembei Horikiri, Japanese Ambassador to Italy, left here for Berlin to-day.

The Ambassador is expected to confer with Lieut-General Hiroshi Oshima, new Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, at Berlin to discuss the current situation.

No Proposals Made

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—No proposals have been made by Britain regarding any Japanese move to the south, it is learned in London to-day.

There have been various contacts between the Japanese Ambassador and Mr Anthony Eden, and in Tokyo between Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Japanese statesmen.

At these exchanges, the British view of the dangers in the Japanese southward expansion has always been made clear, but these statements of views are in no sense proposals.

LUFTWAFFE ON THE MOVE

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Large reinforcements of the Luftwaffe have left Austria for Rumania and Italy in the past few days, according to reliable reports received here.

Units of the ground staff have also been going to Italy.

To-day's Race Meeting

Following procedure established during the present annual race meeting, the "Telegraph" to-day will continue to publish results and cash sweep numbers in its editions to-day, while shortly after 6 o'clock a special racing edition will be on the streets containing complete results of the day's programme, together with all the cash sweep winners.

DARLAN FORMS A NEW CABINET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 24 (UP).—The French political crisis took a new turn to-night.

At 9 o'clock it was officially announced that Admiral Darlan had formed a new Cabinet.

No indication was given as to the composition of the new Cabinet.

Earlier in the day it was reported that Admiral Darlan had had a lengthy conference during the afternoon regarding the Far East crisis, with special reference to Indo-China and Thailand.

South China Fighting

Attack On Tamshui

WAICHOW, Feb. 24 (Central News).—A sudden attack was made by Chinese troops against Tamshui on the night of February 18. The Chinese broke through the Japanese lines and killed many and destroyed Japanese defence works.

Early in the morning a Japanese unit from Tamshui made another attempt to re-take Lungkong, about 15 miles north of Shumchun. After encountering stiff resistance, it retreated with casualties to Wongkong, six miles to the east of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Another Japanese unit from Tamshui simultaneously made an attack at Sunhu, a nearby village, to forage food. It was waylaid and driven back.

Chinese troops are reported to have evacuated Nanjih Island off the southern Fukien coast after severe fighting.

U.S. Army Finances

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is asking for over $3,000,000,000 for the Army's emergency defence needs.

The actual sum requested is $3,812,000,000. It is additional appropriation for the balance of the current fiscal year and includes $292,000,000 to expedite the production of equipment and supplies and $686,000,000 for the Air Corps.

Defence Orders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has placed aluminium and machine-tool producers on a mandatory priority basis under the defence programme.

Under this order which expires on May 31, defence orders must be given priority and in consequence supplies of such articles as household pots and pans may be delayed for a few months.

This is the first time that such action has been taken under the powers which were recently provided.

Isolationists And Lease, Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The well-known Isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, told pressmen to-day that if the Lease and Lend Bill was passed, its opponents would conduct a coast to coast campaign in an effort to keep the United States out of war.

Hitler Continues His Boastings: Tirade To Party In Beer Cellar

Special to the "Telegraph"

MUNICH, Feb. 24 (UP).—"It makes no difference whether we meet the enemy in the North Sea or the Mediterranean; wherever British boats appear our submarines will be ready for them," boasted Hitler when addressing cheering Nazi partyites in the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, marking the 21st anniversary of the Nazi Party.

He declared that Democratic Germany had deserved the Versailles Treaty, despite the concessions promised them by the American President.

Hitler started his speech at 5.15 p.m. and finished at 6.32, in the course of which he lengthily reviewed the Party's history.

He said: "From the beginning the Party was only for the German people in their entirety."

Hitler averred that the present ties with Italy were indissoluble.

Referring to Nazi methods he declared: "We needed hard methods; we were tough because we had to be tough. We wanted to antagonise certain groups, especially the intellectuals, because this movement could only be built by the people with their sentiment, soul and heart."

Hitler's Boasts

He declared that armament production was the "proudest achievement of all time. I am an expert. I am a specialist in armaments. I know what steel and aluminium are good for."

Commenting on the outside hopes that the German morale will weaken, he said. "I suppose there may be a few fools here in Germany who think of revolution. They predict that winter will beat Germany. We are pretty well winterproof. We stood thousands-of-winters. Hunger may come before us." He asserted that he felt particularly physically fit.

After praising the armed forces, he declared "God's blessing for this struggle is sure. With fanatical confidence I look to the future."

"Trial of Strength"

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—In a tirade lasting an hour and a half, broadcast from the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, Hitler forecast that a "trial of strength" with Britain would come in the spring.

Threatening an immediate intensification of submarine warfare, he exclaimed: "New U-boats are now ready."

He revealed his intention to use the conquered peoples of Europe to increase German armaments when he declared: "I have used the power of the German nation for this purpose in good time. I am resolved to use Europe for the same purpose if necessary—in fact, I am doing so."

Sneering at Britain because she "had to look for victories" in the Middle East, he said: "We shall find them wherever they go and strike where our blows will be most destructive."

He affirmed that the ties between Germany and Italy are "indissoluble."

Versailles Again

The first part of Hitler's speech was, as customary, taken up with a review of the history of the Nazi movement and a denunciation of the Versailles Treaty.

"It is seldom that a politician can face the same audience 21 years after he first addressed it to repeat to them the same programme he presented on the day of the foundation of the Party," exclaimed the Fuehrer.

The speech was broadcast from all German stations and relayed to Italy.

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Mr Fung's Condition Unchanged

The condition of Mr Fung Kwok-wa, compradore of the Green Island Cement Company, who was found on Sunday night in his house at Customs Pass with his throat cut and suffering from the effects of lysol poisoning, was stated this morning to be unchanged.

Mr Fung is receiving attention at Kowloon Hospital.

When servants broke into the locked bedroom at the Customs Pass bungalow, they found Mrs Fung dead from chopper wounds and Mr Fung seriously wounded.

EVACUATION

Britons Leaving North And South China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—More than 500 Britons will be evacuated from Peiping and Tientsin and more than 100 from Canton and Swatow, according to a Shanghai dispatch quoting British sources.

The British evacuees from Canton and Swatow will first proceed to Hongkong and those from Peiping, Tientsin and other parts of North and Central China to Shanghai before they sail for England.

LATEST

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Invasion Ports Feel Power of The R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Further details of Sunday night's attack by the R.A.F. on the docks at Calais and Boulogne were given in an Air Ministry communique.

This communique states that large fires were started at Boulogne, many bursts being observed in the dock area.

At Calais, shipping and docks were set on fire.

One aircraft failed to return from these operations.

Few Bombs On Britain

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain during daylight to-day has been very slight, the only bombs reported being at a place in north Scotland.

Announcing this, the Air Ministry states that the bombs caused neither damage nor casualties.

Insulin Discoverer Found Dead in Plane

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The aeroplane carrying the discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting, which has been missing since Friday, has been located.

The Canadian Munitions Minister, Mr C. D. Howe, made this announcement in the House of Commons to-day.

There are indications that someone is alive in the plane which is in a small bay.

Mr Howe said that a plane equipped with skis was on its way to investigate.

A message was written in the snow near the grounded aircraft.

Canadian officials in Montreal said that the man seen on the Newfoundland Coast is believed to be Captain Mackey, commander of the aeroplane.

—The Canadian Defence Headquarters announces that Sir Frederick Banting and two others were killed.

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CHAPLIN REJECTS HONOUR

Film Critics' Awards

Sometimes, *not* occupying a nicely-dusted-off chair of honour—as Charles Chaplin may have realised when he rejected the New York Film Critics' award for the best performance by an actor in 1940—makes better news for all concerned than marching up to it and sitting down, states Cecelia Ager in "P.M."

For the N. Y. Film Critics' annual cocktail party at the Rainbow Room was quite agog over Chaplin's last minute telegram to Bosley Crowther, president of the organisation, declining the honour because he approved neither of "acknowledging the fact that actors are competing with each other," nor the "process of electioneering" by which he felt the awards were decided upon.

The following were the awards:—

Best Film of 1940: "Grapes of Wrath."

Best Performance by an Actor: Charles Chaplin, as "The Great Dictator."

Best Performance by an actress: Katharine Hepburn, as Tracy Lord in "The Philadelphia Story."

Best Direction: John Ford, for "Grapes of Wrath," "The Long Voyage Home."

Best Foreign Film: "The Baker's Wife" (French).



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NOTICE

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Mr. Percy Herbert Suckling has been appointed Managing Director of the above Company as from the 18th February, 1941.

J. SCOTT HARSTON,
Chairman.

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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on **Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m.** for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on **Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.**

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

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The Netherlands Minister to China Mr Hendrik Bos, who is normally stationed at Chungking, is now visiting Hongkong.

BLACK-OUT EXERCISE

Experiments In Lighting Streets

It is notified that certain lighting trials connected with street lighting and the lighting of premises will be carried out during to-morrow and Thursday nights while the black-out exercises are in progress.

Authority has also been given to relax certain of the lighting restrictions laid down in the Black-out Order to certain dockyards and other premises, the owners of which have been informed.

The Fire Brigade will be carrying out certain exercises, and flares will be lit in certain parts of the city to simulate fires.

It has also been decided that dimmed navigation lights may be used by the Star Ferry, Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry, and the Fire Floats.

In these exercises, the black-out will *automatically commence* at sunset (6.26 p.m.) on February 26, and remain in force until sunrise (6.48 a.m.) on March 1.

The Government Black-out Order of 1940 will be strictly enforced during this period from sunset onwards, and the general public should observe the following points.

Points to Observe

From sunset (6.26 p.m.) on February 26, 27 and 28 to sunrise (6.48 a.m.) on February 27 and 28 and March 1, during the whole this period—

(a) External lights of every description, both on land and in ships, must not be lit, except the navigation lights referred to in paragraph 4 (a) below.

(b) All internal lights must be screened by shutters, dark blind, dark curtains, or otherwise, so that no light, direct or indirect, is visible from above or from any other direction.

(c) Lights on all types of road transport must be obscured with two thicknesses of ordinary blue, close woven cloth or paint. The use of headlights on motor vehicles is prohibited; in other lamps the bulb must not exceed 7 watts in power. Roads transport vehicles employed on Naval, Military, Air Force, A.R.P. and Essential Services, may use the authorised headlamp.

(d) Torches and naked lights are prohibited unless screened with two thickness of ordinary blue, close woven cloth or paint.

Shipping

(a) The harbour will be closed to the ingress and egress of shipping, and no movements of shipping or other craft inside the harbour will be permitted, except that a restricted ferry service with dimmed navigation lights only may be maintained by the Star Ferry and the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon. All other lights on all ships must be extinguished or obscured.

(b) Light-houses and certain aids to navigation must not be lit, but to assist in the safe navigation of the ferries mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above, a navigation light may be displayed on the piers at Kowloon and Hongkong, provided that such light is so placed that it cannot be seen from above, and that it does not throw any light on to the water.

Air Raid Alarms

(a) During the black-out, air raid alarm signals will be sounded, and all road traffic must stop and pull into the side of the road, extinguish all lights, and remain thus until the "Raiders Passed" signal has been sounded, when they may resume their journeys, provided that their lights are obscured in accordance with the Government Black-out Order of 1940.

(b) The ferries mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above will cease running on the sounding of the Air Raid Alarm signal, and will proceed to the nearest jetty, where they will remain until the "Raiders Passed" signal is sounded. On the sounding of the "Raiders Passed" signal, they may resume their journeys, provided the lighting restrictions mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above are complied with.

General

(a) Movements of traffic throughout the whole period of the black-out employed by the Naval, Military, Air Force, A.R.P. and Essential Services, will be permitted, but the provisions of the Government Black-out Order must be complied with.

(b) Pedestrians should remain in their houses, and thereby avoid exposing themselves to the grave risks of personal injury which are inherent during a black-out, and also to accustom themselves to conditions which would be enforced in war-time.

(c) It should be particularly noted that, as far as the general public is concerned, black-out conditions must be observed throughout the whole period of the exercise, that is from sunset (6.26 p.m.) to sunrise (6.48 a.m.) on each of the following dates:—February 26-27, 27-28, and February 28-March 1, and must not be relaxed, even if the "Raiders Passed" signal is sounded, unless the exercise is terminated earlier. (See Para. 7).

Termination of the Exercise

The exercise will automatically terminate at sunrise (6.48 a.m.) on March 1, when normal lighting, land and sea traffic movement may be resumed. If, however, the exercise is considered to have been successful, it may be terminated after the second night of the black-out, and this information will be conveyed to the general public by the sounding of the "Raiders Passed" signal between the hours of 11 a.m. and noon on February 28.

CLARK KERR DUE

Chungking, Feb. 24.

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr will leave Chungking to-morrow by plane for Hongkong.—*Reuter.*

Bitter Weeks Drifting In Icy Atlantic

Chased in the Atlantic for five hours by an Italian submarine, outgunned and finally torpedoed, the crew of 33 of the British steamer Carleton (5,162 tons) cast away in two boats. That was a month ago.

For nearly three weeks they drifted in the Atlantic, in bitterly cold weather, undergoing incredible hardships.

In one boat, in which were 16 men, 12 died from exposure.

The first men to die were four Indian seamen, who chanted native death songs before collapsing.

The four survivors of this sea-epic, in which British traditions of the sea were upheld, were finally picked up, and have been landed at an Eastern Canadian port.

They are now in hospital, thin and emaciated, little more than living skeletons. What happened to the other boat is unknown.

Lying in hospital, their eyes glowed as they told, in cracked voices, of their ship's duel with the submarine.

For nearly five hours Captain Learmont, of the Carleton, zig-zagged in an attempt to evade the submarine.

The Carleton was armed only with a single Hotchkiss gun, as against the modern equipment of the submarine, but she battled on until shortly before noon on December 20 she was torpedoed and went down within six minutes.

Sixteen men left the ship in a lifeboat under the first officer. Mr George Robinson; 17 more went with Captain Learmont in another.

By nightfall the boats had separated.

For 18 days the men in Robinson's boat rowed and drifted, scanning the horizon for help, until finally they were sighted by a merchant ship bound for Canada.

All the men who died in the boat were buried at sea, Robinson reading brief prayers.

The four men in hospital are: First Officer George Robinson, who lives at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Amos Pearson, John Morris and James Patterson.

Like a Nightmare

"The whole affair was like a nightmare," Pearson said. "The submarine popped up alongside not more than 12 yards away.

"We turned our gun on her, but the bullets bounced off the hull like hailstones. She dived, but later we could see her periscope, and she followed us all the morning.

"We zig-zagged trying to escape, but the submarine held on. We took pot shots at the periscope. Finally, the submarine surfaced, and the crew came on deck, the commander shouting, 'Where's the captain?' We told him to go to hell.

"The submarine submerged. We were relieved, as the men on the conning tower and the machine-guns looked none too friendly.

"When we took to the boats we had only enough food to provide two biscuits daily, and half a pint of water each."

Pearson described how his shipmates died, among them being the third officer. Arthur Bedger, the wireless operator, Paige, the fourth engineer, Jerry Murphy, and two lads aged 16.

The Carlton was a tramp steamer built in 1924 for R. Chapman and Son, of Newcastle. Before being sunk she sent out a radio message that she had been torpedoed by a submarine about 250 miles off the Irish coast.—*British United Press.*

Water Spout Hits Hotel

Heavy Damage Caused

CONSIDERABLE damage was done to the extension of the E. and O. Hotel in Penang recently when a water spout, moving from the north channel just before dusk, hit the extension.

The damage is estimated to run into thousands of dollars. Tiles from the roof, flower stands and garden seats were lifted into the air and whirled down hitting cars and the sides of the building.

Mrs Gascoyne, wife of a military officer, had a miraculous escape when a tile penetrated the ceiling and fell at her feet.

Two other Europeans Mr R. P. Phillips and an army officer, had their rooms flooded.

The manager of the hotel said that he saw the spout gathering about 300 yards away and rushed upstairs by lift to warn the boys to get all windows bolted but before he reached the top the spout had hit the hotel.

He felt the lift tremble and the whole of the extension seemed to shake. There was a terrible crash as part of the roof was lifted out and the tiles were flung about in all directions.

Coming And Going

Mr J. C. Carter, sanitary engineer and a representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, arrived at Hongkong on a visit by the President Coolidge during the week-end.

Dr Marshall C. Balfour, physician, returned to Hongkong from Manila by the same liner.

Sir Eleazer Silas Kadoorie was among the passengers who left the Colony for Shanghai by the liner on Sunday.

The Hon. Mr H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, Hongkong Government, left for San Francisco on leave.

The passengers leaving to-day include Mr W. L. Lewis of the passenger department, N.Y.K., who has been transferred to New York.

Miss Caldecott

The engagement was announced in Colombo last month of Miss Joan Caldecott, only daughter of the Governor of Ceylon, Sir Andrew Caldecott (former Governor of Hongkong), and Lady Caldecott, to Mr J. W. H. O'Regan, of the Ceylon Civil Service, private secretary to Sir Andrew Caldecott.

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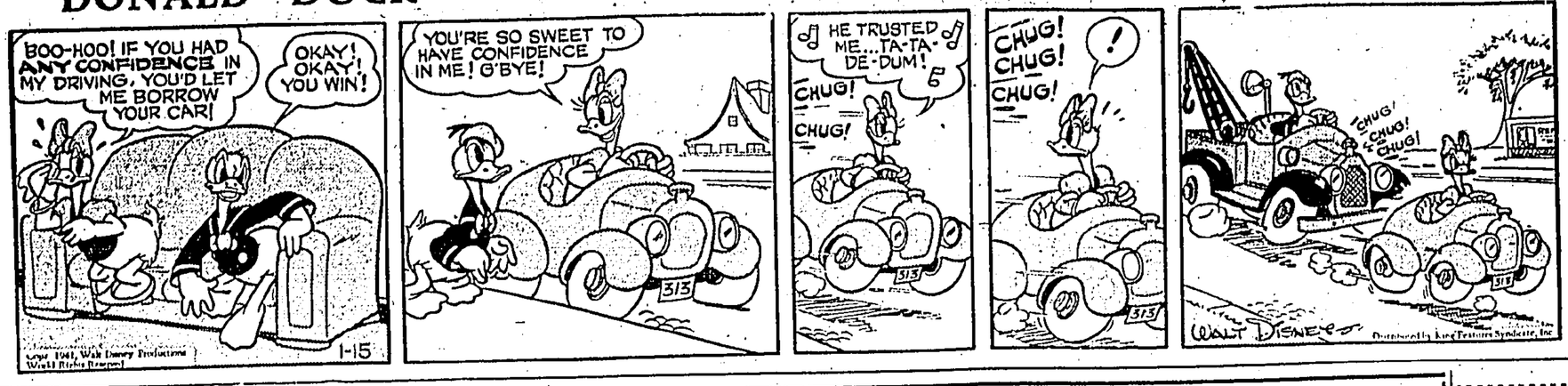
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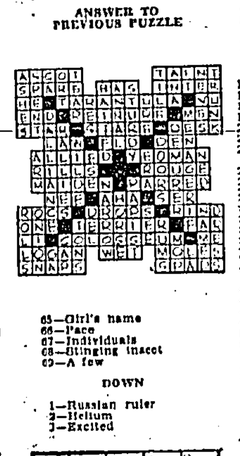


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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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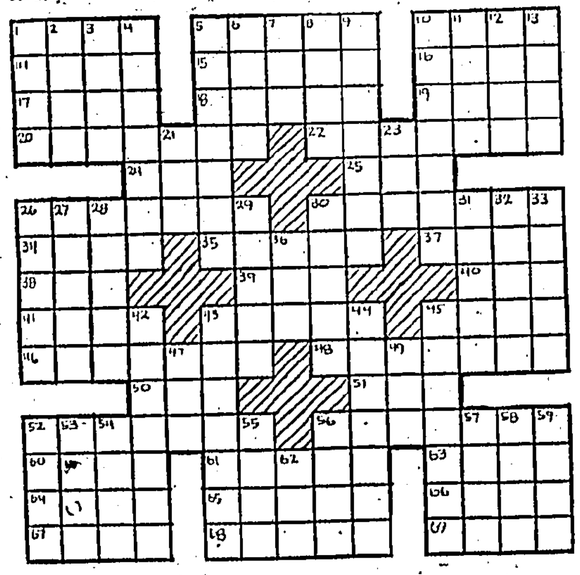


ACROSS

1—Demonstrative pronoun
6—Tilted up
10—Specks
14—Mournful sound
15—Regular steamer
16—Bad
17—Medicinal plant
18—Cut up
19—Unaspirated
20—Sort again
23—Came to point
24—Amount
25—Make lace
26—Physical
30—Commander
34—Image
35—Pound by scent
37—Stockfish
38—Sign of zodiac
39—Companion
40—Twice (music)
41—Bewildered
43—Remainder
45—Eject
46—Old secretly
48—Adds water to
50—Confederate general
51—Permit
52—Be worthy of
56—Instrumental virtuoso
60—Press
61—Trojan
63—Combining form: within
64—Boil
65—Girl's name
66—Face
67—Individuals
68—Stinging insect
69—A few

DOWN

1—Russian ruler
2—Helium
3—Excited
4—Pertaining to heat
5—Owner of famous lamp
6—Wheel rim
7—Daughter of Cadmus
8—For fear that
9—Acted as host
10—Eraser
11—Above
12—Prong
13—Snow vehicle
21—River, island
23—Kitchen vessel
26—Bottom of window frame (pl.)
27—Greek theater
28—Large deer
29—Was equal to
30—Frozen
31—Answer argument
32—Fragrant seed
33—Endures
36—Salt
42—Special skills
43—Passing through holes
44—Coarse shirts
45—Externally
47—Greek soul
49—Meadow
52—Antic (col.)
53—Ireland
54—Painful
55—Spirit
58—Agreement
57—In
58—Hold back
59—Buddhist shrine
62—Girl's name



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The Dutch East Indies has lately come very much before the public eye. Although the islands have become modern in many respects, certain native customs still hold sway. . . .

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Balinese Idea Of A Toothless Heaven

In this article, John Raleigh, who is on a visit to the Indies as representative for United Press, describes a strange and little-known Balinese ritual. . . .

If you dislike the dentist's drill, imagine the sensation of having your teeth filed half down to the gums!

The ordeal is one that is faced several times during the life of a Balinese. The people of Bali embrace the Hindu religion, and believe that filing away half their teeth enables them to become highly acceptable when entering heaven.

The rites are also undergone in the belief that levelled teeth, though partially destroyed, will equip a pious Hindu to eat the soft foods of Paradise.

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Because their bicuspids are no longer uneven when they die, the only foods that will be served to them upstairs will be practically mush which, to the Balinese mind, means the pap of celestial luxury.

Stoicism and self control govern the victims while a "filer", who goes from village to village, saws merrily away.

The girl relations of a local rajah went under the file calmly at a big filing ceremony recently near Denpasar. Their fortitude was remarkable through the operations, though no pain-killing drug was administered before, or during, the filing.

Preceded by the incantations of a high priest, the girls laid down on their backs and "took it" without a whimper. The only signs that they felt pain were muscle twitches and a swelling of the neck.

Though they clasped their hands in front of them no white knuckles showed, nor were finger nails dug into their palms. They were dressed in head-dresses of gold leaves and robes covered with sparkling gems.

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The girls' ages ranged from twelve to fifteen. They seemed as elated when the filing was finished as any of us stepping from the dentist's chair with the welcome phrase of "that's all for a year or so" ringing happily in our ears.

Several times, while the filing went on, an old woman, the girls' nurse, who had no teeth at all, would examine the job and shake her head. Back went the little princesses, and more filing followed until the old woman was satisfied.

These of the same caste as the rajah's relations sat and watched cheerfully, talking and laughing as the file's rasp sounded throughout the pavilion prepared for the occasion.

After a few years the nerveless teeth drop out, but heaven's door is all the more accessible for that. And toothless jaws do not bother a Baliness. lives. Apparently they do not feel pain as we do, or are far less sensitive. They take it and like it.

Besides, the occasion calls for feasting and drinking on a big scale.

High caste natives have their teeth filed four or five times during their lives.

The setting of the royal filing would have pleased the critical eye of a Ziegfeld for colour and oriental grandeur.

The realism of a Belasco production was present as well.

The girls were borne to the pavilion on chairs carried by gaily-caprisoned young men and boys. The bearers' costumes were fancifully sewn with gold from the waist down. Upwards from the midriff, plain brown skin was topped by bright colour-splashed turbans. Spearmen went before the procession, while a native orchestra rattled, boomed, and chimed on its primitive instruments.

Watching the procession were old men and women who spat crimson betel nut juice regularly. Pigs, village mongrels and chickens intermingled under the feet of the marchers. Smells varied from incense to refuse.

The priest waited in the pavilion. He had gold ornaments interwoven with flower buds in his hair, and was draped in a white sarong.

His chanting was strangely familiar. In loud tones and long drawn out. Hindu proverbs, he imitated a Grand Central train announcer to perfection.

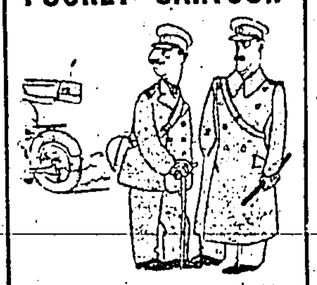
Then he stepped aside, and beckoned to the filer, who thrust pieces of bamboo between molars, and went to work. The onlookers chattered while the file sung its angry refrain.

When the girls had lost half their front teeth, dentine, nerve and all, the feasting began. Native whiskey was served to the priests and a visiting rajah, who wore his best bib and tucker—a dirty white shirt, bilious green necktie, sarong and sandals.

The orchestra redoubled its efforts and dances followed. Betel nut juice stained the dirt everywhere, and a bang-up celebration concluded the show.

The girls expressed their gratitude to one and all that heaven was a step nearer.

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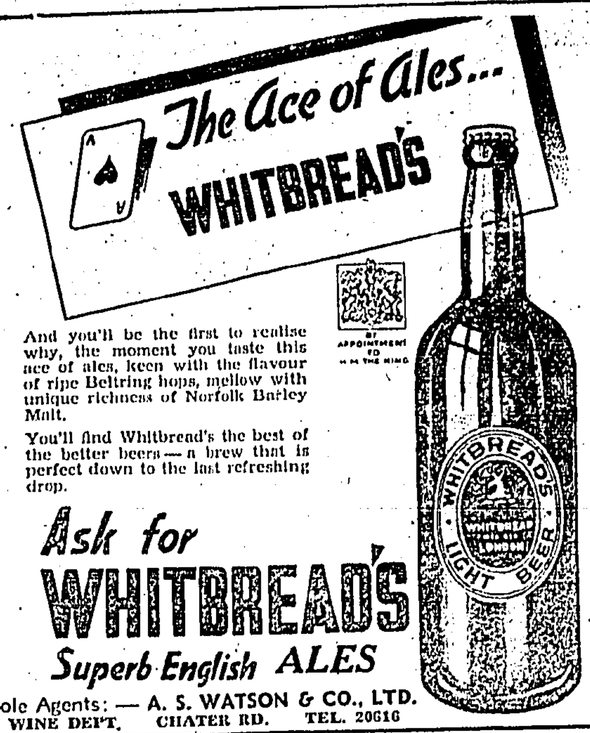
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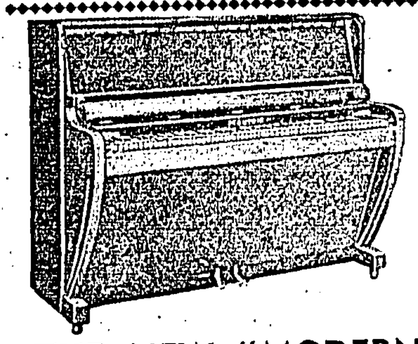


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"BOTTLED" AURORAE

WITH increased emphasis now being placed on the possibility of airlane travel in the upper atmosphere, and with much research work being pointed in this direction, the exact reproduction of the aurora borealis in the laboratory of Professor Joseph Kaplan and Dr S. M. Ruben of the University of California assumes much more than mere academic importance.

Almost the only clues to conditions between 20 and 100 miles above the earth's surface are given in these displays of home-made "northern lights." The upper atmosphere acts like a giant neon tube whose gases (helium, nitrogen and oxygen, according to Dr Kaplan and Dr Ruben) are excited and give off light whenever a prolonged flash of "current" from a discharge of high voltage energy is sent earthward from the sun. Such energy is attracted earthward to the magnetic poles, but there is sufficient voltage spread through the nonpolar atmosphere to cause excitation of ionized atoms for a considerable distance toward the equator.

Strangely, the investigators found they had to go to high pressures in the laboratory to reproduce the low pressure auroral phenomena, and that the higher the pressure the better the reproduction. In fact, every so-called "forbidden" line or band in the spectrum of the aurora has now been produced in the laboratory; all were found in the auroral afterglow.

Not only will these studies aid physicists and meteorologists working on upper air problems, which can now be investigated in the laboratory, but the experiments will also aid the study of light from stars and the identification of characteristics which heretofore have been cut out or distorted by the earth's atmosphere.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

RACIAL POLICY

By BILLIKEN



The Valkyrie: "Bertha... Bertha, come here at once... that dog is not an Aryan!"

DISTRUST VERSUS DEFENCE

By Roscoe Drummond

The loan-lease bill presents no new issue. It is pretty breath-taking only because it presents an old issue so boldly and so bluntly. It startles because it comes right to the point where we are called upon to translate words into deeds.

The aid to Britain legislation, and the lag in defence production, analysed by a noted Washington columnist whose views, as regularly published in the "Christian Science Monitor," are widely respected and discussed.

The loan-lease bill is an enabling act. In every possible way the American people have shown that they are united in their intention to aid Britain and her Allies to win the war. The purpose of this pending legislation is to enable the United States to aid Britain and her Allies fully and speedily.

In all candour, this is not an act of charity or altruism. It is an act of self-defence. It rests upon the proposition that Britain's defeat of the Axis now with American aid is he best possible guarantee that the United States will not have to fight the Axis in the future with no aid whatsoever.

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It is evident that the loan-lease bill has majority support in the country and in Congress. Its central object—that of rendering powerful and if possible decisive aid to the democracies—is not under strong attack. Its central method—that of producing the armaments in American factories at American expense and loan-leasing them, mostly to Britain, is widely accepted.

What, then, is the real issue that has to be resolved if America is to become the arsenal for democracy—an arsenal capable of arming the men and the morale of the free nations fighting to turn back the Axis assault on all freedom?

The truth of the matter is—and in large part it explains the grave lags in defence production itself—there is a genuine hesitancy to trust the President with the vast industrial, financial and international powers necessary to make American aid to Britain soon enough, fast enough and strong enough.

President Roosevelt himself, at a press conference recently, recognised the concern which many feel at concentrating such authority in the hands of a Chief Executive already invested with greater powers than any predecessor. Mr Roosevelt made it as clear that he is not eager for the powers which flow to the White House under the loan-lease bill. He said that to meet effectively the threat of war they must be exercised by someone and inevitably they go to the President.

There is considerable room for modifications in the terms of the loan-lease law without limiting its objectives. A time limit can be placed upon the powers it bestows. The strategic experts of the Army and Navy could be required to certify that the material could be spared, although this is as much a matter of high policy as it is military policy. The bill doesn't need to empower the President to give away or as the term is, "otherwise dispose of" the armaments. Some restriction could also be placed upon the authority of the President to take sides in any and every war which might appear to grow out of the present conflict.

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The question is not whether this grant of power is ideal. The question is whether there is any practical alternative. Democracy must know when it must delegate its power as well as when to harbour it.

The loan-lease programme means, in a word, all aid to Britain short of manpower. That is the most significant decision which Congress and the American people can make with respect to the war. Because any policy is a risk of war, this is a risk of war. It means that the United States is resolved to accept the risk of aiding Britain vigorously and fully rather than run the risk of aiding Britain weakly and partially.

But there will be no vigorous aid to Britain until supplies begin to roll from the production lines faster than they are now.

Why does production still grievously lag at vital points, as the President plainly said in his message to Congress recently? Why has not industry veritably leaped to the task which the "terrible urgency" of the crisis demands? Why is the manufacture of aircraft 30 per cent below schedule and the manufacture of actual combat planes even below that?

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The frank answer is that both organised industry and organised labour are putting suspicion above co-operation and this suspicion affects their relations between each other and with the Administration.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected industrialists high in the defence councils, industry as a whole remains deeply distrustful of the Administration and is apprehensive that the President will be eager to use the emergency as a means of acquiring vast peace-time controls over private enterprise.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected labour leaders high in the defence councils, labour as a whole remains fearful that the pressure of the emergency will be used as a means of permanently breaking down the social legislation it has worked so hard to win. It is suspicious of management. It is uncertain about the Administration itself.

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A perhaps simpler way of putting this is to say that the United States cannot disunite itself behind a class struggle and at the same time unite itself behind defence. Until this question is resolved, the all-out effort to produce, produce and produce will not be made.

To put defence first does not mean that there are not grounds for suspicion and need for alertness. There are. But the urgent issue is this: Defence production will not rise at the rate the crisis requires unless industry and labour wholeheartedly join in, irrespective of immediate doubts and distrusts. Suspicions need not be erased, but they will have to be suspended until the main goal is reached.

There will be no future freedom for either private enterprise or for labour within the United States unless they both unite now to preserve the greater freedom of the United States itself.

LONDON'S WOMEN CARRY ON

By Phyllis M. Lovell

London.

Life for the London housewife is made up at the present time of strenuous happenings. Upon her fall the responsibilities of keeping the home going, of shopping in haste between the shriek of warning sirens, of making skilled use of those foods which happen to be available when she sallies forth with her basket, of contriving to eliminate all kinds of waste and of saving all paper, bones and metals. She must see to the safety of her family by day, and she must make sure—so far as she is able—that her family sleeps as well as may be by night.

Going about during the day, one comes constantly in touch with women who, unaided by the excitement of direct action, are carrying the responsibilities of British home life. They are calmly courageous.

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I overtook a group of three working girls as they entered one of the parks. They were hatless, but meticulously neat. One of them was recounting the affairs of the previous night to the other two. I could catch only a part of the recital.

"So there's no furniture now. At least, not much. A bed and two chairs, and them's rather messed up. But one can't grumble. Other folks—" The three passed out of earshot and I missed the rest.

A grandmother of my acquaintance, sleeping in an underground shelter the other night heard the sound of an incendiary bomb upon the roof of her building. Barefooted, and quite alone, she ran up the six stories to her front door, discovered the lighted bomb upon the floor of her sitting room, collected it in her coal shovel, threw it out into the garden and then successfully put out the fire it had started.

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By the same evening all was ship-shape once more. She had even gone to the lengths of repairing her ceiling. When neighbours recognised the fact that she had probably saved more than a dozen homes, she made light of it. "Any sensible person," she said, "would have done the same."

London's ordinary home women are doing great things. They are handling matters in the present emergency in a way which goes near to surprising themselves and certainly almost bewilders those who are privileged to look on.

Lawyers' Waste Paper

Records Problem

An interesting situation has arisen between the Ministry of Supply, which wants waste paper, the lawyers, who have a great deal of waste paper, and the British Records Association, which wants to have waste paper from lawyers' offices sorted by experts before it is pulped.

Cannot Be Persuaded

The lawyers themselves are alive to the danger that in any clear-out of their offices historical documents may be destroyed. The current issue of Law Notes says that an autograph letter of Warwick, the King-maker has been found recently.

A woman member of the Records Association complains that solicitors "cannot be persuaded" that it needs an expert to decide whether their old papers are of historical value or not.

One sees her point of view. But where, in war-time, with the Ministry of Supply waiting on the mat, does she expect to find the vast army of experts that would be necessary?

Library, Supreme Court

United States May Land British War Supplies At Iceland Port

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Latin-American diplomatic sources disclose to the United Press that United States officials as well as diplomatic circles are actively discussing a plan whereby Iceland would become the trans-shipment base for United States war supplies for Britain.

The plan would allow United States ships to transport supplies to Iceland, which is a neutral nation outside the combat zone as defined by the United States neutrality act. The supplies would be unloaded, probably at Reykjavik, and picked up by the British for transport to the British Isles.

The project, reported to be under study in Administration circles, has been advanced as the practical solution to the serious British supply problem due to losses in submarine warfare.

The principal advantage would be to reduce by more than two-thirds the distance British cargo ships and convoys must travel now to take sorely-needed war materials to Britain. American ships at present are not allowed to enter British waters.

Plan's Benefit

Diplomats with which this plan has found favour pointed out that it would triple the available British shipping for such transport and relieve two-thirds of the present warships engaged on Atlantic convoy duty for use elsewhere or for intensification of convoy work.

The distance between New York and Liverpool is about 3,700 miles, but the distance between Iceland and Liverpool is only 1,000 miles.

Diplomatic quarters pointed out that the plan would probably be feasible without a revision of the Neutrality Act. Since the subjugation of Denmark, Iceland has been generally recognised as an independent nation. The United States has taken active interest in Iceland since the occupation of Denmark, and opened a consulate at Reykjavik.

Icebergs

The gulf stream, the extremity of which runs between Iceland and Europe, maintains a comparatively moderate climate in Iceland and permits navigation in adjacent waters.

The route between New York and Reykjavik is sometimes perilous due to icebergs, but the United States has a highly competent iceberg patrol, which forewarns ships of the presence of underwater masses of ice.

No official acceptance of the plan has been indicated, but diplomatic sources said it was being considered as one of the possible means to aid Britain.

MAGIC FACTORY

AN aircraft factory which will be invisible at night because of camouflaged landscaping and light traps has been planned in the United States.

Mr Donald Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, has given details of the scheme, says a message from San Francisco.

It will cost £2,750,000 and some of the defence precautions hitherto unknown to U.S. industry will be: subterranean storage for planes and fuel; an important power unit covering 200 acres; underground shelter for 20,000 employees; and buildings designed to withstand fire, bomb and shell fragments as far as possible.

Deaf Mutes Married

TWO deaf mutes were married at Queen-street Registry Office in Melbourne recently.

The couple, Mr John O'Grady, of Myrtleford, and Miss Ethel Leber, of Richmond, took the marriage oaths in sign language and lip articulation.

The caution under the marriage act was similarly administered, by the aid of an interpreter, on whose hands the couple kept their eyes throughout the ceremony.

The couple are lucky, for the day before they won £375.

GIANT BOMBER

New York, Feb. 24.

A giant Consolidated bomber, the first of 26 which Britain has ordered from that company, was delivered to Canadian officials after a secret flight from New York.—*United Press.*

Unrest In Holland Growing

Unrest in Holland is revealing itself in the increasing frequency of street fights and brawls between members of different political parties.

Political argument, and consequent fisticuffs, have even spread to elementary schools, as a broadcast of a new (Nazi) Under-Secretary for Education shows.

"I know," he said, "that you are often discussing politics, the war and the new things you see happening in the streets. Stop those altercations."

He directed the same warnings to pupils at secondary schools, whom he promised "more sports and games as an outlet for your energy."

Tighter Police Control

The Germans are still not satisfied with the attitude of the Dutch police. Many Dutch Nazis have been drafted into the police forces, and street patrols by Dutch Nazi blackshirts, are often attacked and beaten up during the hours of darkness.

Many German policemen and soldiers have been drowned in canals, and a large number of these are believed to have been pushed into the water. In The Hague alone ten miles of railings have been put up along the canal banks.

The Dutch police have been put under the control of German security police, and streets are in future to be patrolled in pairs, one German and one Dutch policeman.

Ban on Tricolour

The Germans have prohibited the display of the Dutch tricolour at meetings or in processions, "because the Netherlands flag is too venerable for such occasions."

After a German sentry at Leyden had been fired upon, the chief of police issued an order to all civilians to surrender firearms. Anyone now found in possession of a firearm is liable to be shot immediately.

Dead Pilot In Nazi Fighter

A German fighter with a dead pilot at the controls was encountered recently by an R.A.F. sergeant pilot over England.

The enemy fighter, one of a number of Messerschmitts which had been intercepted by a Hurricane squadron, was singled out by the sergeant pilot, who was surprised to find that his opponent took no evasive action when attacked and began to lose height in a gentle dive.

Investigated

Deciding that the strange tactics required further investigation, the sergeant pilot closed up and flew alongside the Messerschmitt.

"When I looked into the cockpit I saw the German pilot crumpled up and lying forwarded in his seat," he said afterwards. "He was dead, I am sure, but I decided to stay around for a bit longer and see what happened. I kept alongside that German for quite a few minutes and then flew round and round, but still the gentle dive continued. Then the Messerschmitt slowly turned, dropped into a spin, and, still spinning, crashed to the ground."

DAMAGE REWARD

Somewhere in London a school has suffered badly as a result of enemy action. There is no roof, the windows are all gone, the interior has been gutted by fire and the walls are very considerably marked, but not too marked to obscure signs on two of the standing walls.

They read: "A reward of Five Shillings will be paid to anybody giving information which will lead to the conviction of persons damaging these premises."

AMERY REPORT ON INDIA

Arming at Speed

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—After a tribute to the gallantry of Indian troops in Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, dealing with India's war effort, said that India was now one of the greatest industrial countries in the world as well as one of the greatest producers of foodstuffs and raw materials.

She was already making her own rifles, machine-guns, field artillery and ammunition, and 90 per cent. of all miscellaneous equipment for her forces.

The Indian Army, he said, is being rapidly expanded to a force of 500,000 men, armed, trained, equipped and mechanised on a modern scale, exclusive of troops already serving abroad.

Eden Meets Catroux

Free French Forces

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—As soon as he arrived here, Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, received General Georges Catroux, leader of the Free French in the Middle East, it is now revealed.

Mr Eden congratulated General Catroux on the part played by the Free French forces in the defence of Egypt and against the Italians in Abyssinia and on the notable contribution which French soldiers, sailors and airmen were making in the fight against the common enemy.

PRESS GANG IN SHANGHAI

Chinese Kidnapped For Military Service

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—A virtual reign of terror now prevails in the Yangtszepoo district in Shanghai as a result of the activities of the Japanese press gang in conscripting Chinese residents for military service, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

As many persons are reported to have been kidnapped, most of the Chinese inhabitants there are now confining themselves indoors and dare not venture out lest they be seen and spirited away by the Japanese. It is reported that among those already conscripted by the Japanese are included some Chinese in the employment of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Atrocity Story

ENSHIH, Feb. 23 (Central News).—A story alleging revolting and beastly behaviour by a party of Japanese soldiers in a village in Central Hupeh, just recieved here, has aroused the greatest indignation among the people.

On January 30, according to report, a party of some ten Japanese cavalrymen and about 50 infantrymen raided Changchiachang village near Tienmen. After plundering the shops, they set on a wild rampage criminally assaulting many Chinese women in the nearby villages.

A peasant named Wu Chiang-kwan, aged 70, was arrested by the Japanese and ordered to carry the loot for them. The old man indignantly demurred and came into a fistic fight with his captors, and was instantly killed.

On the same day, another party of Japanese at Taihwangwan went to Wangchiacheng village and embarked on a similarly foul mission.

MENZIES SEES CHURCHILL

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, saw Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, during the week-end and had a lengthy conversation on matters bearing on his visit to Britain.

On Monday afternoon he had a talk with the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne.

Attending War Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will attend meetings of the War Cabinet during his visit to England, it was officially announced to-day.

Wing To Wing Fight Of Poles

King George's Inspection

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—King George, while making a tour of inspection of R.A.F. aerodromes recently visited several Polish squadrons.

His Majesty subsequently expressed his appreciation of the smartness and enthusiasm of the Polish airmen.

The Polish Commander-in-Chief, in reply, assured His Majesty that the Polish airmen are proud to fight wing to wing with the R.A.F. and consider it a privilege to be serving at the same time their own country and Britain in a common noble cause.

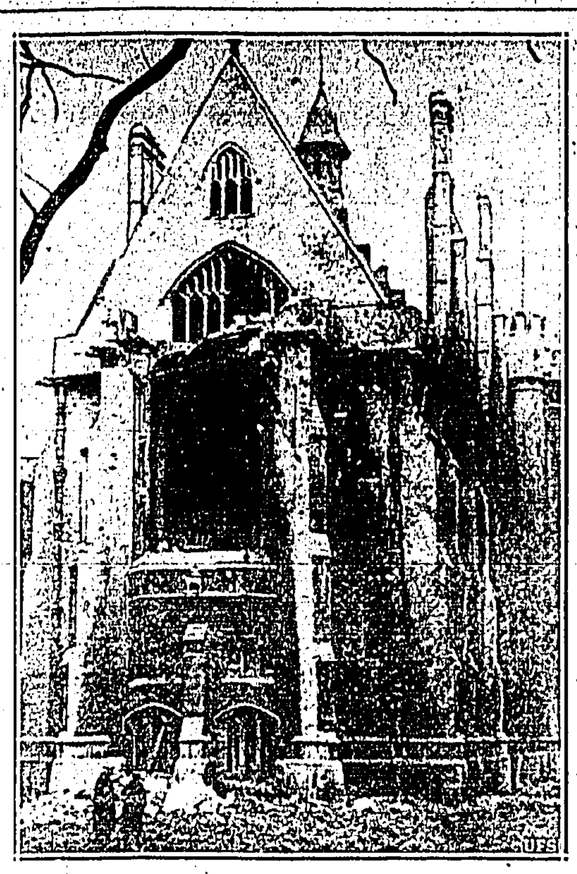
Bombs From Former Crack German Liner

What was once Germany's crack ocean liner, the Imperator, is contributing material for the crushing of Nazism. The Imperator became the Berengaria, and to-day the Berengaria is being scrapped to make munitions and provide steel for Britain's rapidly growing aeroplane production.

Gone are the staterooms and the cabins. You can now stand on narrow steel girders which once provided the main support for its decks and gaze a hundred feet down into the depths of its enormous engine rooms.

The experts calculate that 95 per cent. of the ship's structure can be turned into munitions of one sort or another—and there were 50,000 tons of it before the shipbreakers went to work. For 15 months the Berengaria has steadily been employing 120 men, and many months will yet have to pass before this potential source of munitions supply for Britain's war effort will have come on an end.

The Imperator might still be sailing the seas, or her structure might be going to shape a new peaceful ocean liner; but Germany willed it otherwise.



LIBRARY STILL STANDS—Bomb-scarred and broken by German bombs, famed Inner Temple Library still stands in London. Many books of great value have been badly damaged but some are being saved.

CANADIANS TRAIN WITH RAY GUN

A harmless ray gun which, military officials said, "shoots" with the accuracy and range of a medium machine-gun, is being used by the Canadian armoured corps in training at Camp Borden, Ontario.

By means of a light bulb, magnifying glass and lenses, the ray gun is "fired" in exactly the same way as an ordinary machine gun. It is equipped with a telescopic sight similar to that used on machine guns.

When used in mock battles the gun will cause "casualties" by catching men in the flickering light. Those "shot" by the gun will have no doubt that they are hit, officials said, because even at ranges up to 1,500 yards in bright sunlight, the ray is nearly blinding in intensity at its centre.

A few feet on either side, within what would be the "beaten zone" of a machine gun, a reddish-yellow light is plainly visible.

Movable Target

The gun was conceived by Col. F. F. Worthington, Commander of the First Canadian Armoured Brigade, and a test model was tried last May. It has since been perfected by Maj. F. A. Landrieau, gunnery officer of the Canadian Armoured Corps Training Centre.

For gunnery practice when no real target is available the gun is equipped with an unpredictable moving target in the bull's eye of which is a photo-electric cell which records the number of shots hitting the bull's eye.

The gun also is equipped with an automatic shutter, like that on a camera, which allows "bullet rays" to flash from the barrel at the same rate as real bullets are ejected from a machine gun.

VODKA CHIEF IS SENTENCED

Four Soviet industrial leaders have been sentenced to death on charges of alleged "damage to the State" amounting to £124,000. One of the condemned men was the head of the Kiev State Vodka factory, Galperin, who was described as the "leader of a gang of bandits." It was alleged that he and his confederates stole petrol and spirit from the factory by putting half-filled bottles of factory produce on the market and selling the remainder to private illegal dealers.

New British Plan To Gaol Gluttons

PEOPLE who eat more than the fixed number of dishes in hotels and restaurants may be sent to gaol, it is reported from London.

This is understood to be a provision in the new food plan prepared by the Minister for Food (Lord Woolton).

Caterers who serve customers with too many dishes may also be punished.

Greedy customers are liable to three months' gaol or a £100 fine, or both, on summary conviction.

If they are found guilty of an indictment the penalty may be six months' imprisonment or a fine of £500, or both.

The new plan heavily restricts hotel and restaurants menus.

At present, restaurant meals must consist of only one main dish—either fish or meat.

Meals in Restaurants

It is expected that the new regulations will forbid eggs, poultry, or cheese as an addition.

This means that if a customer wants eggs, poultry, or cheese, he can't have meat or fish.

Restaurants will thus have to serve more soup, hors d'oeuvres, puddings, and fruit.

One leading West End hotel offers a two-course dinner for 7/6 which consists of hors d'oeuvres or soup or eggs, fish as an entree, and then a roast, grill, or cold buffet.

Dancing And Darts Said Ruining Youth

BRITAIN'S "painted flappers and City boys with pointed shoes" are results of the Government's lack of a strong policy in dealing with the problems of adolescence.

German and Russian youth have had imagination fired by their leaders, but the young people of Britain have been allowed to waste their time on dancing and darts.

Mr Stanley Nairn, Junior Officer for boys under the new Government youth welfare scheme, made these observations in opening a conference of youth leaders at Skelmorlie, Ayrshire.

"The dull man of thirty you see in any tram has had his interest blunted with horse-racing, dog-racing and prize-fighting," said Mr Nairn.

Yet British youth, he believed, was as good stuff as one could find anywhere in the world.

Joy Bait

Mr Nairn was giving an introductory address to South-West Scottish trainees, Varsity men and women, and teacher volunteers who were attending an intensive week-end conference.

He warned his audience that dancing, darts, and billiards used as bait to attract boys and girls were not enough unless they were clear that these were only a means to an end.

There could be no disciplined training, he declared, unless the imagination was fired by an idealist behind these things.



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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Kowloon Virtual League Champions

J. M. Gosano Fails To Save Recreio On Heavy Wicket

THE WEATHER HAS been so foul for so long that one had almost forgotten that the cricket season was on. On last Saturday week everything was washed out—including the Races! I actually went down to the Valley to a lunch party which was not cancelled but the weather was bleak and horrible. In some ways last Saturday, it did not seem much better, but the grounds had dried up sufficiently to enable several games to be played. The star fixture was of course the K.C.C. and Recreio match when the former club managed to pull the game off and more or less made themselves secure for the Shield though there has not been so much interest in the competition this year, with the Army and Club out of it.

K.C.C. were fortunate to play on their own ground when meeting Recreio, but even their somewhat sheltered ground was none too good. The turf was of course very heavy, the weather cold with a strong wind blowing most of the time.

The Recreio, who were put in, played a rather typical innings. They so often have one batsman come off and the rest do nothing. So it was on Saturday. They could not get the ball away and could manage to average no more than just under four runs per over.

J. M. Gosano was the batsman who came off and he got 75 of their total of 128 for 9 wickets. Of the rest G. N. Gosano (12) alone got double figures. A team cannot hope to win on one batsman.

It might have been expected that the strong Recreio attack on the difficult wicket might have put up a surprise; but this year they do not seem to be in their best form and no one could do the trick. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano and Prata were expensive and ineffective though I have heard the fielding was not as good as it usually is. D. Hung (34) Anderson (46 not out) and F. J. Lay (30) made sure of victory though they did not manage to get beyond the rate of 5.6 runs per over. It is a pity that such an interesting and important match should have had to be played under such depressing conditions.

Junior Division

THE University second eleven once more proved the stolidity of their batting and the Craigengower bowlers could not get them out fast enough to force a win. They batted for 33 overs before declaring at 167 for 9 wickets and only left C.C.C. time for 26 overs.

J. C. Lo (47) D. Chelliah (40) and R. S. Gill (36) were chief scorers for the Varsity, but I regret to see there were three men run out. This shows want of coaching and I presume they did not read my lucubrations the other day on the art of running! Craigengower did not make much of things save for Hamson who scored 47 not out and they had made 92 for six when the end came.

I.R.C. And Police

THE Police are sore put to it to raise a full side and they did uncommonly well to give the Indians such a fight on Saturday. They got them out reasonably enough for 139 of which Wahab's 31 was top score. When L. Clarke (39) and H. Tyler (41) got together things looked good for the Police, but after them came the deluge which Shepherd mainly attempted to stem with a 23. As it was they only failed by three runs. I.R.C. have Abbas to thank for he took 6 wickets in eleven overs for 43 runs.

Non-League Games

IT was perfectly beastly at the Club ground when an "A" team of the Club took on the Recreio second eleven. Huddled up in a coat and woolly scarf, I thanked goodness I had not got to be out in the middle.

The ground had dried faster than I had expected owing, no doubt, to the strong wind that had been blowing all the morning, but it looked a bit of a snipe-marsh. Owing to the heavy outfield, runs came slowly and the principle of "blooming 'ard and blooming 'igh and blooming often" was the only one to speed up things.

Paterson (37), Carey (29) and Ilsley (23) were the principal scorers for the Club. Recreio would have been rather in difficulties but for A. E. Noronha's innings of 62. As it was, they were nine runs behind with four wickets to go when stumps were drawn. It must be remembered however that the Club had declared at 127 for 8 wickets.

Macauley Again

THE D.B.S. did well to get within four runs of C.S.C.C.'s 151 for 8 declared with only 7 wickets down. They owe it however, almost entirely to J. Macauley who made 91 not out. He has been doing very well this year, and I hope he will be able to stick to the game.

The Sunday Game

THE Recreio batsmen on their own ground on Sunday gave a very much improved display though they were up against Zimmern and Lloyd and also Perry. Batting ten men, they put up 181 runs. Wickets were shared, but it must be recorded that my old friend Ernie Zimmern went on to bowl!

Teddy Fincher returned to his old place as opening batsman and hit up 74, but Archie Zimmern's score of 31 and Perry's of 23 were the only others over twenty. It was a tight finish, but the Volunteers failed by five runs.

U.S. BASKETBALL TOURISTS



A group picture of the American basketball stars of the 20th Century Fox Film Company when they appeared in a charity match at the Chinese "Y" on Saturday and trounced a local quintette.

SING TAO ON TOUR

Leaving Tomorrow For Philippines

THE SING TAO Sports Club leave Hongkong to-morrow to make a football tour of the Philippines at the invitation of the Philippines A.A. The party is comprised of two officials and 16 players.

In all, five matches will be played, and the tourists are expected back in Hongkong by March 17.

The team will be under the management of Mr. Aw Hoe, and Mr Law Chi-hing will act as Hon. Secretary.

The players are:

Cheung Wing-choi, Siu Tin-lim, Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon, Lau Tin-sang, Leung Yin-chan, Tsui Ah-fai, Sin Yau-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang, Yeung Shui-yick, Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-ki and Ip Pak-wa.

Leung Wing-chui is unable to obtain the necessary leave.

Badminton

Recreio Defeat Chinese "Y"

IN A CLOSE and thrilling game of badminton in the "A" Division of the League yesterday, Club de Recreio beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 5-4 at King's Park.

Not until the final round of games was the match decided. C. Au and H. Koh proved the weak link in the "Y" side, though in what now can be termed the deciding match, J. J. Remedios and H. Gonsalves only inflicted defeat by 23-22.

The scores were:

J. J. Remedios and H. S. Gonsalves lost to S. Koh and C. Y. Yung 10-21; lost to C. H. Wong and G. T. Lau 6-21; beat C. Au and H. Koh 23-22.

A. M. Silva and L. A. Carvalho lost to Koh and Yung 18-21; beat Wong and Lau 21-13; beat Au and Koh 21-16.

A. M. Rodrigues and M. A. Oliveira beat Koh and Yung 21-18; lost to Wong and Lau 9-21; beat Au and Koh 21-13.

Game Postponed

The game between University A and University B, scheduled for last night, was postponed to Friday.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
University "A"	4	4	–	33	3	8
University "B"	3	2	1	16	11	4
Recreio	5	2	3	14	31	4
Chinese "Y"	6	1	5	18	36	2

Leading Owners And Jockeys

The following are the lists of leading owners and jockeys at Happy Valley:

Owners

	1	2	3
Cire	4	4	3
Lan	4	3	3
T. K. L.	4	3	1
Eve	3	5	—
Necan	3	—	—
Li Po-chun	2	—	—
Eu Tong-sen	1	2	—
C. C. F.	1	1	—
Lee Chi-chok	1	1	—
Dynasty	1	1	—
P. and L.	1	—	1
Vilaja	1	—	1
Gredmaka	1	—	1
Shields and Stanton	1	—	—
Weetoo	1	—	—
Yeung Bros.	1	—	—
C. W. K.	1	—	—
Mrs A. E. Grasett	1	—	—
Hollandia	1	—	—
P. M. Hoo	1	—	—
Kia Ora	1	—	—
Kwok Yee-chan	1	—	—
C. I. Gregory	1	—	—
C. H.	—	2	—
S. K.	—	1	2
Lee Bros.	—	1	2
Marber	—	1	1
G. Tinson	—	1	1
Mrs Chunog Ho-yen	—	1	1
Golf	—	1	—
Billy	—	1	—
Culture	—	1	—
G. A. Harriman	—	1	—
Kong Bros.	—	1	—
Wai Shiu-pak	—	1	—
S. W.	—	1	—
C. H. Chan	—	—	2
W. T. Stanton	—	—	2
C. N. K.	—	—	2
Pearstur	—	—	1
Bridge	—	—	1
Quartermaster	—	—	1
S. S.	—	—	1
Tools	—	—	1
Manetta	—	—	1
L. W. S.	—	—	1
T. L.	—	—	1
Colleng	—	—	1
E. S. K.	—	—	1
Lucky	—	—	1
S. W. Lee	—	—	1
Cocoa	—	—	1
Marber I	—	—	1

Jockeys

	1	2	3	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	4	2	14
H. C. Pih	4	3	2	12
C. B. Moller	3	4	3	8
F. Noodt	3	3	2	13
Ip Kui-ying	3	–	1	2
L. B. Chao	2	4	2	15
W. H. S. Davis	2	4	1	13
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	10
D. Black	2	–	5	12
H. J. A. Hearne	2	–	1	8
M. M. Sokoloff	1	4	2	10
W. G. Poy	1	3	–	11
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	9
A. D. Coppin	1	1	–	3
D. H. S. Craven	1	–	2	6
P. P. Botelho	1	–	2	14
B. L. Tao	1	–	2	21
H. J. Holden	1	–	1	–
R. M. Wood	1	–	–	7
K. W. Fung	–	1	–	1
D. G. Woo	–	1	–	2
S. L. Sung	–	1	–	9
L. J. A. Fielden	–	–	1	–
S. W. Tang	–	–	1	–
Tang Man-wa	–	–	1	4
G. Treverton	–	–	1	13
H. S. Chang	–	–	1	19
J. Barrow	–	–	–	1
M. F. L. Haymas	–	–	–	1
G. W. Cooper	–	–	–	1
C. C. Chan	–	–	–	1
S. W. Pan	–	–	–	2
B. A. Proulx	–	–	–	2
Chanson Feng	–	–	–	2
T. W. Chattey	–	–	–	3
K. I. Ip	–	–	–	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	–	–	–	3
C. L. Gregory	–	–	–	3
Chui Ki-fan	–	–	–	3
S. W. Lee	–	–	–	4
F. A. Sequeira	–	–	–	4
Ho Hong-ping	–	–	–	10
R. K. C. Chui	–	–	–	12
Hoo Pak-ming	–	–	–	12
S. L. Yuen	–	–	–	18

C. S. C. C. Cricket XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. juniors in a friendly Cricket match against Hongkong C.C. on Saturday at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:

H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.



PLAQUE FOR BOXER—Former Mayor Walker, left, presents Henry Armstrong with Neil memorial plaque for outstanding sportsmanship, at dinner in Ruppert's Brewery, New York. President Lowin of boxing writers, right.

Walter Neusel Scores T.K.O.

Schmeling Still In Excellent Trim

BERLIN, Jan. 27 (UP).—Walter Neusel technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the 10th round at the Deutschlundhalle last night in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight title.

Max Schmeling—who ranks as the European rather than German champion—made his first public appearance in several months when he was introduced to the cheering crowd before the fight.

Schmeling, who was in mufti, was accompanied by scores of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained a leave and had flown down from the training station especially for the fight, at which they were guests of honour.

No Definite Plans

Max stated to the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but he hinted he might meet the winner between Neusel and Lasek. He said he did not have any definite plans for the future, nor could he say if he would have a return bout with Champion Joe Louis whom he characterised as "the best of them all."

Schmeling, to whom the German press refers as "still the most popular of all German fighters," looked trim and in excellent condition. Max refused to give any details about his training as a parachute trooper and also refused to answer any questions bearing on the war.

During the interview, the former world champion was surrounded by scores of officers who were his military superiors.

Middlesex Win Six-mile Marathon Race

Combined Small Units met Middlesex Regiment in a six-mile marathon race yesterday afternoon, starting and finishing at the European Y.M.C.A. The race resulted in a win for the latter, who scored 121 points. Results were:

1, L/Cpl Dunne (Middlesex); 2, Pte Heather (Middlesex); 3, Cpl Hobson (Middlesex); 4, Dmr Merton (Middlesex); 5, Cpl Truscott (Signals); 6, Sig. Lithauer (Signals); 7, Cpl Cole (Small Units); 8, Pte Hughes (Middlesex); 9, Pte Coomer (Middlesex); 10, Pte Baker (Middlesex).

La Salle Athletics

The tenth annual Athletic meeting of the La Salle College will be held on the College grounds on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m.

Children Sports

To-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m., on the Southorn Playground, Wanchai, the Children's Playground Association will hold their seventh annual Children's Sports. A football (small ball) match will be played at 4.30 p.m. and prizes will be presented at 5 p.m.

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The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders **ONLY** on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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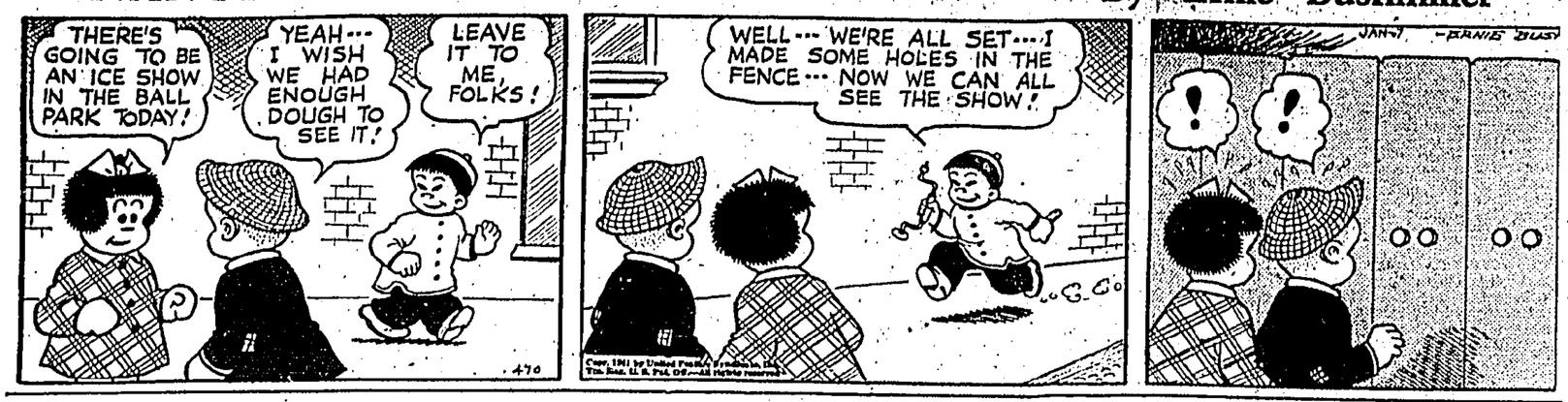
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Censors, Secret Agents Replace Honeymooners In Sunny Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 23 (UP).—A staff of some 800 British army and government authorities is stationed on this island as a final check against spying and shipments to and from the United States which might damage the British war cause.

Honeymooners and vacationers who formerly flocked to Bermuda in peacetime have been replaced by censors, secret service agents, customs officials and army authorities intent on using this gateway to the Western Hemisphere as a marine outpost for Great Britain's war against the Axis powers.

Co-operation of the U.S. Government, which instructed the Pan American Airway's Clippers and ships of American Export Lines to submit to examination on their trips to and from Europe,—signalised by the American sailors who are here to establish a defence naval base near St. George. The base was one of the many acquired in the United States-British destroyer trade.

However, the job of the contraband control and the censors is staggering in proportion. These officials must examine passengers, cargo and mail of every plane and ship that enters a Bermudan port.

Blockade Rulings

Passengers bound for the war zone must give up any soap, matches, sugar, coffee, silk and other commodities declared as contraband under rulings of the British blockade.

An Axis citizen travelling on a special U.S. Government visa—as was the case of Italian officials who recently returned to their country from the World's Fair—were forced to give up all their money except bare travelling expenses. Gold and Jewellery also was confiscated.

A French World's Fair official returning to his home in occupied France had some 25 pounds of chocolate, sugar, coffee and a quantity of women's silk stockings taken from him. A French marquis, also returning to France, had to give up to the British a quantity of match folders inscribed "Help Us to Help France."

Status Of Persons

Major problem of the British authorities here is determination of the status of persons travelling to unoccupied France and to such countries as Holland, Denmark, Hungary, Belgium and Sweden. These nationals, returning to nations under German domination, constitute a constant problem for the British secret service.

Although no official data is available, it is known that several persons have been detained when they attempted to pass through the Bermuda control. If they are found to be enemies of the British, they are interned either in one of the islands here or sent to a Canadian camp.

Confiscation Receipts

Persons who have property confiscated here receive receipts for it in case they wish to appeal to the British contraband control for a return. However, such appeals will take years in settlement and for property of little value, little protest is made.

Bermudans still are attempting to picture their islands as an American vacation spot despite the war. The drop in vacations revenue which annually runs into millions of dollars has seriously affected Bermuda economy.

Man Blows Himself Up With Dynamite

A man committed suicide in an hotel at Buffalo recently by blowing himself to pieces with dynamite.

He was William Wright, 40.

Police said that Wright had been told to move from the hotel because he had not paid his board.

He spent most of the night sitting in the lobby.

The explosion of the dynamite did not injure anyone else in the lobby.

Nazi Munitions Train Crashes

The explosion of a German munitions train which recently crashed into another train on one of the three main lines from Hungary to Rumania damaged a large part of the town of Berettyo Ujfalu and wrecked the tracks, reports Associated Press from Budapest.

The town is near what used to be the Hungarian-Rumanian frontier before Rumania ceded Transylvania to Hungary, and is about midway between Pospokladany and Nagyvarad.

This route has been used by the Germans to move heavy troop reinforcements through Hungary into Rumania.

Hungarian censorship clamped down on further details of the accident.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday says:

The Races were resumed to-day and as a result the market is very quiet.

Buyers

Canton Ins. $215
Union Ins. $411
Lands 4½% Debentures $97.50
Lights "O" $6.10

Sellers

Hotels $3.60
Humphreys $7.05

Sales

H.K. Govt 3½% Loan (1934) 05
Lights "O" $6.25
Electrics "O" $41.75
Telephones "N" $9.90



CHINA RELIEF—Poster to be distributed throughout the United States by the China Emergency Relief Committee. Portrait of the Chinese baby is by James Montgomery Flagg. The Committee, headed by Pearl Buck, authoress, wants to raise $1,000,000.

HOST TO PRINCE OF WALES

American Oil Magnate Dead

MR JOSHUA COSDEN, who was the host of the Prince of Wales during the Royal visit to the United States in 1924, has died suddenly, aged 59. He had a heart attack while travelling in a train at El Paso, Texas.

A one-time poorly-paid clerk in a Baltimore (Maryland) drug store, Mr Cosden became rich in a night in the oilfields of Oklahoma. He piled million upon million; and climbed the social ladder until he reached the portals of New York's most exclusive circles.

It was while he was the Prince of Wales's host at a week-end party that a thief entered his house and stole £30,000 worth of Mrs Cosden's jewels.

Jewels worth £4,000 belonging to Lady Louis Mountbatten were also stolen.

This was the peak of both the social and financial success of Mr Cosden.

"Game Josh"

The pendulum began swinging back. The great Cosden and Co. through which "Game Josh," as he was called, had built a personal fortune valued at £10,000,000, declined.

Villas on Long Island and at Palm Beach and Newport were sold, the Cosden private railroad car disposed of, and the family retired from the public eye.

Two years later, in 1928, with £1,000,000 that his eastern friends loaned him, Mr Cosden went back to the oil fields for his second climb up the financial ladder.

Twice A Millionaire

Establishing headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas, he invested in oil lands, and developed them and the Cosden Oil Co., which he had formed, until they were credited with a paper value of £3,000,000.

At least half this value had been acquired by Mr Cosden.

Then in March, 1930, Mr Cosden was taken ill in his more modest new home in Florida, and for weeks lay in a critical condition.

His company potentially still was strong. Its assets exceeded its liabilities, but cash for current debts was not at hand, and a receiver was appointed.

Fletcher Pearls

Mr Cosden devoted part of his wealth to sport. At the height of his career he owned a string of 32 racehorses and was sometimes referred to as the "Thomas Lipton of the turf."

Mrs Cosden added lustre to her social success by her acquisition of the famous Fletcher pearls, valued at £100,000.

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12.30 Greta Keller (Vocal) and Billy Thorburn and His Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Concerto in A Major.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Sibelius.

Karelia Suite, Op. 11; Alla Marcia—Intermezzo....London Philharmonic Orchestra; Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides," Op. 73....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult; Slickan Kom Ifran Sin Alskalings Mote...Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano acc.; Finlandia—Tone Poem, Op. 26, No. 7....Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'.

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 'Band Waggon'.

With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

8.25 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.35 Film Selections.

'Everybody Sing'—Film Selection, Louis Levy and His Orchestra; Stars Over Broadway—Selection; Rise and Shine—Selection.....Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band; 'Thanks for the Memory'—Two Sleepy People; 'Big Broadcast of 1938'—New Thanks for the Memory Bob Hope and Shirley Ross (Vocal); 'Everything in Rhythm'—Selection.....Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—'Question of the Hour'.

9.30 Elgar—Frossart Overture, Op. 19.

("When Chivalry lifted up her lance on high"—Keats)....London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

9.43 Cesar-Franck—Prelude, Chorale and Fugue.

Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 Brahms—Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Andantino-Presto non assai, ma con sentimento; 4th Mov: Con moto—Un poco meno mosso....Busch Quartet and Reginald Kell (Clarinet).

10.50 Brahms Gypsy Songs.

The Madrigal Singers.

11.00 Close Down.

GERMANY'S WAR ON SHIPPING

1917 and To-day Compared

Some misunderstanding may have been caused by Mr Greenwood's statement in the House of Commons recently that in the matter of shipping losses the position to-day is very much like that of April, 1917. That may have been taken to mean that Germany is succeeding in destroying merchant ships at the same rate now that she succeeded in reaching twenty-three years ago.

Such an interpretation of Mr Greenwood's words is not justified, nor indeed was it intended (writes a naval correspondent) for he went on to qualify them by saying that the position was not as bad as it might have been. The resemblance between the conditions of 1917 and those of to-day is indeed one of kind rather than of degree.

The position in April, 1917, was not only one of great danger, but there were then no means of reducing that danger then in sight. Admiral Sims, of the American Navy, recorded a conversation with Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, then First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, in which Jellicoe told him that he could see no means at the moment of reducing the losses of merchant shipping.

More Destroyers Needed

There is no such gloomy outlook to-day. So far as the losses to-day are the result of U-boat attack, the high rate is due solely to shortage of anti-submarine craft for convoy escorts.

The causes of that shortage are perfectly well known—the defection of the French Navy, the addition of Italy to our enemies, and the necessity for taking special measures against the danger of invasion—and the shortage is in process of being steadily made good.

Destroyers, both from British shipyards and from the American Navy, are steadily coming into service, and, thanks to the present efficiency of the Asdic and depth charge, it only needs a sufficiency of destroyers to restore the rate of destruction of U-boats to what it was in the early months of the present war.

So far as losses are the result of the new methods of air attack the position is not quite so simple. A new technique of counter action has to be devised to deal with the new form of attack, but that problem, it is to be hoped, is already on the way to solution. In any case, the air threat to shipping is nothing like so great as was the threat of the U-boat in 1917.

High Seas Raider

There is a third method of destruction in use by the enemy—the raider on the high seas, either a disguised merchant ship or a solitary man-of-war of more formidable strength.

The threat of the raider, however, is not on the level of that of the U-boat or the aircraft. If he acts so as to do a substantial amount of destruction of shipping his career is certain to be short, for he will soon be located and destroyed by superior force.

If, on the other hand, he seeks to prolong his survival by evading the defenders, he will do, little execution. The Admiral Graf Spee preferred the second alternative, with the result that her bag was no more than nine ships in three months. Other raiders seem to have acted, and to be acting, on the same principle; that menace should soon be well in hand.

Actual Figures

Finally, a glance at the actual figures of sinkings shows the matter in true perspective. In April, 1917, the peak month of the last war, Germany succeeded in sinking very nearly 900,000 tons of shipping, of which some 550,000 was British. From that peak the losses were brought steadily down, and by the end of 1917 they were about 400,000 tons per month of which nearly 300,000 were British.

In the present war, losses of merchant shipping were brought down to a very low figure in March last, in which month the whole of the German Navy appears to have been engaged in preparation for the Norwegian campaign of April.

Since then, owing to the causes already noted, they have steadily mounted, but they have only now reached about the level to which they were brought down by the end of 1917. That level, as Mr Greenwood said, is far higher than it should be; but the position, as he went on to explain, is not one of imminent danger.



NIPS PLOT—A plot to overthrow the regime of King Ibn Saud, above, of Saudi Arabia was reported recently with arrest of six persons, one of whom has been executed. They planned to kill the King.

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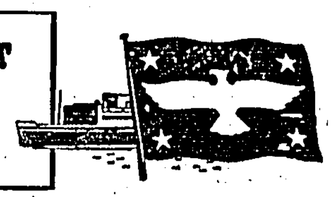
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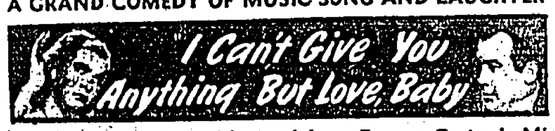
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Hitler Continues His Boastings

→ FROM PAGE ONE

Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia, Finland and Switzerland. Many Reich Ministers and Gauleiters were present in the Munich Beer Cellar.

"I have studied the Versailles Treaty as no other man did," exclaimed Hitler. "I have not forgotten it even to-day."

Not Fleecing Others

Exclaiming that Germany was not fleecing others but was following a form of economy which was of use to Germany, Hitler said: "States cannot be built on capitalism. Those who think that they can prevent the rising of the people by waging war will find that they have only speeded it up. It will not be the gold standard which will emerge from this war."

Hitler finished speaking after an hour and a half at 5.45 p.m.

Paying a special tribute to women Nazis who "have always stuck to me even in bad times," Hitler said that Nazi methods were unattractive to many but "I was a soldier from the front where I got used to a rough time."

After speaking for 45 minutes, Hitler's historical review had reached the year 1923.

Relations With Mussolini

Referring to his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "When I have chosen a man, I stick to him. The bond which unites our revolutions is insoluble, and it is the same with two men. If there is a time when one of them is better off and the other worse off, the former will help the latter because it is the common enemy that we are going to defeat."

"Numerous warships are tied up in the Mediterranean. Numerous British planes are tied up in North Africa. Numerous British land forces are also tied up and it is only now that our sea warfare will start. We have been waiting for our new U-boats.

"Two hours ago I received reports that German surface warships and U-boats had sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in two days, but in March and April a naval warfare will start such as the enemy has never expected.

"Wherever Britain touches the Continent we shall face her. Wherever British ships cruise, our U-boats will be sent against them until the hour of decision arrives.

"I have learned to wait but have not been idle during that time. Last autumn, the British said, 'If he tried to land now, it doesn't matter. In the spring of 1941, Britain will win her victories on the Continent.' Well, they have transferred their victories elsewhere and we have had to run after them, but we shall find them wherever they go and strike at them where our blows will be most destructive.

Hitler Gets Fresh

"The German nation and Army, Party and state, are indissoluble. Only a few fools could ever think of a revolution in Germany. I have taken many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious. I am grateful to fate that if this struggle was necessary it has come during my lifetime and while I am still feeling fresh and vigorous. I am feeling more fresh than ever now, for spring is coming and the time when we can measure our strength again. We have miraculous victories behind us. I am convinced that providence will bestow its blessings on us in future, to which I look with fanatic confidence."

Fantastic Claim

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Hitler's claim to have sunk over 200,000 tons of shipping is described by authoritative quarters here as fantastic and as far removed from the truth as such German announcements have usually proved to be.

It is recalled that the Germans claimed to have sunk the whole Jervis Bay convoy of 86,000 tons but in fact 33 out of the 38 ships came safely to port.

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("REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 24.—British aircraft have been continuously bombing Italian positions in the area of the Skumbi Valley, El Bossan, Ilin and Pogradetz from 3 a.m. to-day.

Italian troops in this area have been reinforced during the past week.

Further south in the Devoli and Voyusha Valleys, artillery was heavily engaged to-day.

Several local actions were reported in which Italian infantry attack were repulsed with heavy losses.

In the Ostravitza Mountains, the Greeks captured an important height dominating the Italians' advanced positions.

Minister Sees Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Greek Minister had an interview with Mr Winston Churchill to-day.

Nazi Sinking Claim Being Investigated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The German claim to have sunk a steamer called Canadian Cruiser is being investigated, Mr Sumner Welles (U.S. Under-Secretary of State) stated to-day.

The steamer was said to be flying the United States flag and carrying United States markings.



BRITAIN'S AIR CHIEF—Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, left, who will confer with the U.S. Government on supplies for Britain. He is seen greeted by Air Commodore Edwards on arrival in Ottawa.

"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE (FIRST SECTION)

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GRAND STAND STAKES

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Mainsail

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Rising Star

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Gay Fox
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Navylight
Eve of Harvest

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS

Distant View
Sapper
First Love

TYRO STAKES

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Velvetlight
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Ratio Decidendi
Canberra

BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE (SECOND SECTION)

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Chinese In London

Contribute Generously To Lord Mayor's Fund

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Forwarding £64 to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund from members of their Chinese staff in China, a London business firm wrote: "We feel that this proof of sympathy with the British cause is viewed at the other end of the world as a worthwhile dividend on the generous help given by the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund a couple of years ago to China."

Willkie Asked To Visit Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Australian Government have officially invited Mr Wendell Willkie to visit Australia, announced the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Fadden, to-day.

BANK MEETING

Shareholders are reminded that the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place to-morrow, Wednesday, at noon at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

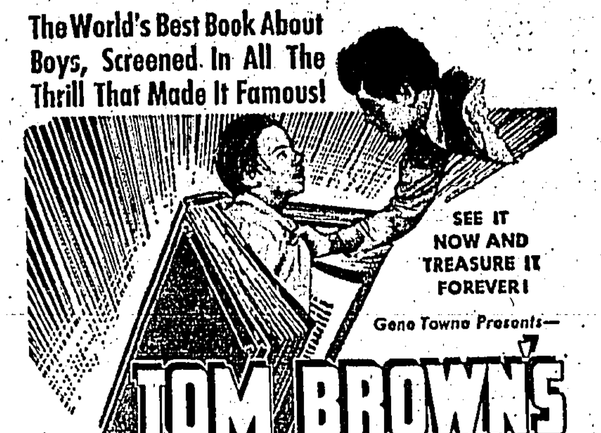
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Familiar Singapore Character Passes

One of Singapore's most familiar figures, 50-year-old Mohamed Ibrahim, bill collector for Raffles Hotel for more than 12 years, died in Singapore recently.

Mohamed Ibrahim with his short beard and moustache and wrinkled face was well-known to hundreds of people in Singapore to whom his appearance meant "Oh, yes, my bill at Raffles Hotel."

Friml's Chinese Opera Ready

China, to composer Rudolf Friml, is Chinese music and little else.

Friml, who recently returned to Hollywood from a two-year stay in Hongkong, says he knows little of politics or the war situation in the Far East, having devoted himself to studying the native music.

He also composed a new operetta, "Sing Song Girl."

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A TREMENDOUS BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES WHEN NAZI DIVE-BOMBERS ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK A BRITISH CONVOY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS SPECIALLY DESCRIBED BY RICHARD McMILLAN, THE "UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT ABOARD A BRITISH BATTLESHIP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The message, received in Hongkong this morning was sent from the warship via Alexandria at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

It reveals that Fleet Air Arm fighters, taking off from an aircraft-carrier, broke up two attempts by German dive-bombers to smash a British supply convoy which was being escorted by units of the fleet.

One Heinkel was shot down and a second severely damaged.

In the course of the voyage, which lasted several days, the skies were alive with aircraft, but they were mostly British bombers and fighters, and not a single Italian machine was sighted.

Four-Day Operation

(BY "REUTER'S" CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET)

Feb. 24.—While some units of the fleet continue to maintain communications along the Libyan coast, the main battle fleet, in a four-day operation in the Central Mediterranean, beat off German dive-bombers and successfully covered the passage of convoys.

Making a determined effort to break up and sink a British convoy under the powerful protection of British warships, dive-bombers operating from Italian bases attacked the fleet near the scene of the former unsuccessful attack against the aircraft carrier, Illustrious.

The British ships were undamaged and the German planes were driven off with losses.

To-day the Italian High Command claims that a German air formation attacked a British naval squadron in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting one big but unidentified warship so seriously that she probably sank. There was no confirmation in London of this claim.

This time the Germans had as target another aircraft carrier, but, probably still smarting from the heavy toll exacted by fighters from the Illustrious in the earlier attack, the enemy planes confined themselves to dropping bombs at other units of the fleet.

In addition to escorting a number of fast merchantmen safely, the warships carried out a prolonged sweep, according to plan and undeterred by either dive-bombers or the Italian fleet, of which there was still no sign.

Fighter Take Off

All day enemy shadowing planes tried to keep track of the fleet movements but they quickly disappeared when fighters took off from the aircraft carrier.

Fighters overtook a formation of Heinkel bombers, which were taken completely unawares. Diving suddenly on two enemy planes, they drove them almost into the sea. The bombers unloaded their bombs in the ocean in order to increase speed and elude the pursuers, but unavailingly and one German plane burst into flames and dived to its fate.

The second staggered off crippled as the British fighters came to the end of their ammunition.

Wary Approach

Enemy planes made a second wary appearance in stronger forces, sweep-

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BRITISH ADVANCE IN E. AFRICA

Air and Land Co-operation

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—British operations in Italy's East African possessions continue to advance on all fronts.

Italian troops holding positions in Eritrea have been dispersed by British forces advancing from the north and many prisoners were taken.

The advance towards the south continues. On the road to Gondar, in Northern Abyssinia, the advance of British elements is developing satisfactorily.

The R.A.F. has been very active in various African battle zones. In Eritrea, a South African squadron yesterday destroyed eight Italian pursuit planes on the ground and damaged several others at Makale in a machine-gun attack.

Attack From Air

ADEN, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Aerodrome buildings at Adit Bala were extensively damaged by the R.A.F. in a raid, according to an R.A.F. communique.

Transport in the Dessie-Alomata area was bombed and machine-gunned. Lorries were damaged and casualties to personnel were caused.

The R.A.F. aircraft met with opposition but all got back safely.

Iceland Becomes A Fortress

British Troops In Occupation

(FROM "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 24.—**In the nine months since British troops occupied this remote island, no time has been wasted in converting it into a fortress of the far north.**

Permanent camps have been laid out, roads built and defences constructed. Britain has now consolidated her northern-most military outpost of Iceland, and British Army Headquarters here are confident that no attempt by Germany to oust the British would have the slightest chance of success.

The troops are cheerful and in excellent health, although having to contend with an erratic climate.

The food is good, mostly bought locally, and sickness has been remarkably low. English beer is now brewed for the British troops by an Icelandic firm.

Intensive training has been carried out, including a mock invasion. Training in mobile warfare is a special feature. Special Arctic equipment has been issued and skis have been supplied in large numbers. British soldiers have taken well to skiing.

Interest In Languages

Vocational training is popular and there is a tremendous interest in foreign languages. Many officers and men already speak the local tongue fluently.

Local leave is often used to tour the waterfalls, hot springs and other sights of Iceland, but no home leave has yet been granted except in a few cases for compassionate reasons. Relations between the High Command and the Icelandic Government are excellent.

TERRORISM IN SHANGHAI

Nanking Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mr. Li Shih-chun, the Nanking Minister of Police and concurrently Director of Special Service headquarters, made a statement to newspapers and foreign correspondents last night declaring that he is determined to halt terrorism in Shanghai, "for the good of the international communities in Shanghai."

He declared that "terrorism has no place in Shanghai in our efforts to revive business, trade and prosperity for the good of all."

Referring to the recent bombing of the Nanking sponsored Central Reserve Bank of China, he said, "In Shanghai we still find many banks, the property of which belongs to the Chungking régime. We have never tried to molest or destroy them. We have always treated such property as the property of the Chinese nation and people."

U. S. Submarines In Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (UP).—The National Broadcasting Company reported to-day that according to a B.B.C. announcement, 60 United States submarines have arrived in the Philippines.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

R.A.F. Back Greek Operations

ATHENS, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—**Supporting the Greek operations, the R.A.F. successfully bombed Dukazi, north-west of Tepelini during Sunday, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece.**

Buildings were hit as well as enemy positions to the south, while bombs were seen to burst on anti-aircraft batteries.

Local Engagements

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Greek operations against the Italians in Albania have been restricted owing to heavy rain and thick mists, stated the Athens radio to-night.

The recently captured large mountain ranges, ridges and areas have been systematically cleaned up with the result that more prisoners rave been captured and more automatic weapons and good quantities of tents and blankets have been taken.

Successful patrol activity is also reported.

Two enemy tanks were destroyed in a local engagement where the enemy was completely routed.

Three Italian planes were shot down and two others were severely hit.

Enemy Reinforced

("REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 24.—British aircraft have been continuously bombing Italian

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SUCCESSOR TO SAYRE

Mr Cromwell Favoured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Discussion of a successor to Mr Francis Sayre, High Commissioner to the Philippines, if he is recalled to Washington, pre-occupied members of the Insular Department to-day. Some informed quarters predicted that someone with the career of a diplomat is likely to be designated.

Mr James R. Cromwell was the most prominently mentioned both on account of his experience in the diplomatic service and his connections in the Pacific. It is recalled that he had a home at Honolulu and has been to the Philippines four times. Mr Cromwell is a close friend of President Roosevelt and was received at the White House recently.

Well Liked

Although Mr Cromwell returned from Canada under a cloud, he is well liked in diplomatic circles, is considered to be forthright and has much personal charm. He would be inclined to follow Mr Paul McNutt's tradition although he is less ambitious, colourful or dynamic than Mr McNutt.

Mr Cromwell is understood to have made some preliminary contacts in pursuance of the appointment.

Tension Has Relaxed In Far East

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—After a 50-minute conversation with Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Mr Richard Casey, the Australian Minister, said that the situation in the Far East had possibly relaxed slightly during the last four or five days, but was basicly unchanged.

Asked what caused his observation about relaxation, Mr Casey said that no facts had particularly changed but one sensed a slight relaxation in the tension.

To-day's Race Meeting

Following procedure established during the present annual race meeting, the "Telegraph" to-day will continue to publish results and cash sweep numbers in its editions to-day, while shortly after 6 o'clock a special racing edition will be on the streets containing complete results of the day's programme, together with all the cash sweep winners.

DARLAN FORMS A NEW CABINET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 24 (UP).—**The French political crisis took a new turn to-night.**

At 9 o'clock it was officially announced that Admiral Darlan had formed a new Cabinet.

No indication was given as to the composition of the new Cabinet.

Earlier in the day it was reported that Admiral Darlan had had a lengthy conference during the afternoon regarding the Far East crisis, with special reference to Indo-China and Thailand.

Mr Fung Dies This Morning

Mr Fung Kwok-wa, compradore of the Green Island Cement Company, who was found on Sunday night in his bungalow at Customs Pass with his throat cut and suffering from lysol poisoning, died this morning at the Kowloon Hospital.

It is stated that Mr Fung's condition took a change for the worse at 1 o'clock this morning and he relapsed into unconsciousness from which he did not recover.

When servants broke into the locked bedroom of the Customs Pass bungalow they found Mrs Fung dead from chopper wounds and Mr Fung seriously wounded.

The funeral of Mrs Fung will take place this afternoon.

U.S. Army Finances

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is asking for over $3,000,000,000 for the Army's emergency defence needs.

The actual sum requested is $3,012,000,000. It is additional appropriation for the balance of the current fiscal year and includes $292,000,000 to expedite the production of equipment and supplies and $888,000,000 for the Air Corps.

Defence Orders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has placed aluminium and machine-tool producers on a mandatory priority basis under the defence programme.

Under this order which expires on May 31, defence orders must be given priority and in consequence supplies of such articles as household pots and pans may be delayed for a few months.

This is the first time that such action has been taken under the powers which were recently provided.

LUFTWAFFE ON THE MOVE

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Large reinforcements of the Luftwaffe have left Austria for Rumania and Italy in the past few days, according to reliable reports received here.

Units of the ground staff have also been going to Italy.

Hitler Continues His Boastings: Tirade To Party In Beer Cellar

Special to the "Telegraph"

MUNICH, Feb. 24 (UP).—**"It makes no difference whether we meet the enemy in the North Sea or the Mediterranean; wherever British boats appear our submarines will be ready for them," boasted Hitler when addressing cheering Nazi partyites in the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, marking the 21st anniversary of the Nazi Party.**

He declared that Democratic Germany had deserved the Versailles Treaty, despite the concessions promised them by the American President.

Hitler started his speech at 5.15 p.m. and finished at 6.32, in the course of which he lengthily reviewed the Party's history.

He said: "From the beginning the Party was only for the German people in their entirety."

Hitler averred that the present ties with Italy were indissoluble.

Referring to Nazi methods he declared: "We needed hard methods; we were tough because we had to be tough. We wanted to antagonise certain groups, especially the intellectuals, because this movement could only be built by the people with their sentiment, soul and heart."

Hitler's Boasts

He declared that armament production was the "proudest achievement of all time. I am an expert. I am a specialist in armaments. I know what steel and aluminium are good for."

Commenting on the outside hopes that the German morale will weaken, he said, "I suppose there may be a few fools here in Germany who think of revolution. They predict that winter will beat Germany. We are pretty well winterproof. We stood thousands of winters. Hunger may come before us." He asserted that he felt particularly physically fit.

After praising the armed forces, he declared "God's blessing for this struggle is sure. With fanatical confidence I look to the future."

"Trial of Strength"

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—In a tirade lasting an hour and a half, broadcast from the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, Hitler forecast that a "trial of strength" with Britain would come in the spring.

Threatening an immediate intensification of submarine warfare, he exclaimed: "New U-boats are now ready."

He revealed his intention to use the conquered peoples of Europe to increase German armaments when he declared: "I have used the power of the German nation for this purpose in good time. I am resolved to use Europe for the same purpose if necessary—in fact, I am doing so."

Sneering at Britain because she "had to look for victories" in the Middle East, he said: "We shall find them wherever they go and strike where our blows will be most destructive."

He affirmed that the ties between Germany and Italy are "indissoluble."

Versailles Again

The first part of Hitler's speech was, as customary, taken up with a review of the history of the Nazi movement and a denunciation of the Versailles Treaty.

"It is seldom that a politician can face the same audience 21 years after he first addressed it to repeat to them the same programme he presented on the day of the foundation of the Party," exclaimed the Fuehrer.

The speech was broadcast from all German stations and relayed to Italy,

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TO-DAY'S RACES

Endeavour Starts With Win

A cold wind swept the Valley racecourse this morning and skies were threatening rain when the fourth day's programme of the annual racing carnival opened.

The track appeared still to be on the soft side and the going promised to be slow.

Seventeen ponies faced the starter in the first event at 11.30—the Blue Mountains Plate, the field including several prominent ponies such as Daylight, Endeavour, Fresh Air and Archber.

C. B. Moller brought home Endeavour to win by a length and a half in 1.48, with Mainsail running second, and A Surprising Time, third four lengths away.

Results:

1.—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE.—(First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. 1 mile.
202 MRS CHUONG'S Endeavour 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 1
206 SAILBAD THE SINNER'S Mainsail 152 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 2
197 TOOTS' A Surprising Time 152 lb. (D. Black) 3
17 starters.
Won by length and half; four lengths.
Time.—1.48.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $6.20. Places $3.10; $6; $3.40.

2.—GRAND STAND STAKES. — For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. 6 furlongs.
219 MARDER'S Paiber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
220 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 149 lb. (D. Black) 2
221 KONG BROS' Wonderful Scheme 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 3
9 starters.
Won by a length; the same.
Time.—1.20.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $8.. Places $5.20; $3.50; $5.00.

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LATEST

It Means War, Scream The Isolationists

Lend and Lease Bill Opposed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator Robert La Follette to-day charged that the Lend and Lease Bill would give President Roosevelt a "green light for war" and permit him to "strip the military and naval defences of the United States to support quixotic adventures overseas."

This bill means war," he declared.

Senator Burton Wheeler threatened a filibuster against the Bill if the Administration seeks to speed its passage with night sessions, "in an effort to put pressure on us."

He said the haste of the Administration was prompted by the realization that the "people back home are waking up to the fact that this is not an aid to Britain bill, nor a bill to strengthen our defences.

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Invasion Ports Feel Power of The R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Further details of Sunday night's attack by the R.A.F. on the docks at Calais and Boulogne were given in an Air Ministry communique.

This communique states that large fires were started at Boulogne, many bursts being observed in the dock area.

At Calais, shipping and docks were set on fire.

One aircraft failed to return from these operations.

Few Bombs On Britain

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain during daylight to-day has been very slight, the only bombs reported being at a place in north Scotland.

Announcing this, the Air Ministry states that the bombs caused neither damage nor casualties.

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Dutch Contribute War Weapons

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Two more bombers were presented to the Royal Dutch Navy by the "Prince Bernhard Fund," which acts as a worldwide Dutch War Weapons Committee.

Altogether 64 Spitfires and 23 bombers have now been presented to the Dutch and British forces by Free Dutch all over the world.



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2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
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By order of the Board of Directors,

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
10 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
15 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.



KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

F. C. MOW FUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

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R. A. CAMIDGE,
Manager.



H.K. Society for the Protection of Children

WE ARE AT WAR
OUR ammunition consists of HONG KONG DOLLARS AND CENTS
It is running low.
Please send us new supplies.

The Netherlands Minister to China Mr Hendrikus Bos, who is normally stationed at Chungking, is now visiting Hongkong.

Churchill Receives Japanese

Fruitful Talks

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns from well-informed Japanese circles in London that the interview between the Japanese Ambassador and the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to-day was very fruitful and should greatly contribute to the dissipation of certain misunderstandings that have arisen between the two countries.

The Axis End

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 24 (Domei).—Mr Zembei Horiiiri, Japanese Ambassador to Italy, left here for Berlin to-day.

The Ambassador is expected to confer with Lieut-General Hiroshi Oshima, new Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, at Berlin to discuss the current situation.

No Proposals Made

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—No proposals have been made by Britain regarding any Japanese move to the south, it is learned in London to-day.

There have been various contacts between the Japanese Ambassador and Mr Anthony Eden, and in Tokyo between Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Japanese statesmen.

At these exchanges, the British view of the dangers in the Japanese southward expansion has always been made clear, but these statements of views are in no sense proposals.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $ c.d.	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks £ x. d.	73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £ x. d.	76 n.
Chartered £	7⅞ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 n.
Mercantile, C. £	11¼ n.
East Asia $	76 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	215 b.
Union $	411 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	135 n.
Steamboats $	9 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/7½ n.
Waterboats $	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	98 n.
Docks (old) $	17.80 n.
Docks (new) $	17 n.
Providents $	5¾ b.
S'hai Dockyards $	27½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/- n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotel $	3.00 s.
Lands $	33¾ n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97½ b.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	11.70 n.
Humphreys $	7.05 s.
H.K. Realties $	3.40 s.
Chinese Estates $ x.d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	17¾ s.
Peaks Trams (old) $	7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3½ n.
Star Ferries $	57 n.
Y. Ferries $	24½ n.
China Lights (old)	6¼ sa.
China Lights (new)	1.97½ n.
H.K. Electrics (old) $	42/41¾ sa.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	42 n.
Macao Electrics (old)	17¼ n.
Macao Electrics (new) $	16¼ n.
Sandakan Lights $	12 n.
Telephones (old) $	24½ n.
Telephones (new) $	9.90 sa.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	173¾ n.
H.K. Ropes $	8½ n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	10.20 n.
Watsons $	10.95 n.
Lane Crawfords $	7½ n
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1.90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	42¼ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1934)	95 sa.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments $	7 n.
Constructions (old) $	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

Cargoes Refused To Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NOUMEA, Feb. 24 (UP).—Authorities to-day refused iron ore cargoes for two Japanese vessels which have been anchored at Noumea for nine days. Officials said that Japan's quarterly allotment of 24,000 tons had already been exceeded.

No Parade To-day

Owing to the Bank Holiday there will be no parade of the Training Company at the Murray Barracks this evening.

Insulin Discoverer Found Dead in Plane

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The aeroplane carrying the discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting, which has been missing since Friday, has been located.

The Canadian Munitions Minister, Mr C. D. Howe, made this announcement in the House of Commons to-day.

There are indications that someone is alive in the plane which is in a small bay.

Mr Howe said that a plane equipped with skis was on its way to investigate.

A message was written in the snow near the grounded aircraft.

Canadian officials in Montreal said that the man seen on the Newfoundland Coast is believed to be Captain Mackey, commander of the aeroplane.

The Canadian Defence Headquarters announces that Sir Frederick Banting and two others were killed.

Seven-a-side Rugby Games To-morrow

The following are the Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament fixtures for to-morrow on the Club ground:

4.50 p.m.—8th Heavy "A" v. Combd Small Units "A". Referee, J. S. Riddell.

5.10 p.m.—Police "A" v. B & S. Referee, Lt Pirie.

5.30 p.m.—M'sex "B" v. Club "B". Referee, J. Redman.

5.50 p.m.—H.K. Bank v. Tamar and S/S. Referee, Major Curran.

No Evacuation Of Oilfields

Bucharest Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is officially denied that civilians in the Rumanian oil fields will be evacuated.

An official communique issued in Bucharest reads: "The Council of Ministers has been informed that in the oilfield region there exists the greatest uneasiness among the inhabitants owing to reports that the population will be evacuated as a precaution against possible attacks by British bombers. The report is hereby categorically denied."

It is announced that the railway services will return to normal next Wednesday. It is recalled the train schedules were altered when the German troops began arriving.

Chinese Sympathy

Contribute Generously To Lord Mayor's Fund

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Forwarding £64 to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund from members of their Chinese staff in China, a London business firm wrote: "We feel that this proof of sympathy with the British cause is viewed at the other end of the world as a worthwhile dividend on the generous help given by the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund a couple of years ago to China."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2⅞
Demand London	1/2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	425
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	102¾
T.T. India	82½
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	140½
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6½
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24⅞
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03½

South China Fighting

Attack On Tamshui

WAICHOW, Feb. 24 (Central News)—A sudden attack was made by Chinese troops against Tamshui on the night of February 18. The Chinese broke through the Japanese lines and killed many and destroyed Japanese defence works.

Early in the morning a Japanese unit from Tamshui made another attempt to re-take Lungkong, about 15 miles north of Shumchun. After encountering stiff resistance, it retreated with casualties to Wongkong, six miles to the east of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Another Japanese unit from Tamshui simultaneously made an attack at Sunhu, a nearby village, to forage food. It was waylaid and driven back.

Chinese troops are reported to have evacuated Nanjih Island off the southern Fukien coast after severe fighting.

EVACUATION

Britons Leaving North And South China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—More than 500 Britons will be evacuated from Peiping and Tientsin and more than 100 from Canton and Swatow, according to a Shanghai dispatch quoting British sources.

The British evacuees from Canton and Swatow will first proceed to Hongkong and those from Peiping, Tientsin and other parts of North and Central China to Shanghai before they sail for England.

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The Money Order Office Public Counter will be open from 10.00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday 25th, February 1941.

The General Post Office will be closed at 6 p.m. on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, February 1941.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yunghsien), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Mail Service to Madagascar and Reunion is temporarily suspended.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 7th February) Feb. 25.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore Feb. 27.
Canton Feb. 28.
United-Kingdom and Straits Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd February Mar. 1.
Calcutta and Straits Mar. 1.
United-Kingdom and Straits .. Mar 2.
Java and Manila Mar. 3.
Australia and Manila Mar. 3.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date 8th February). Mar. 5.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Sandakan 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O. & G.P.O.
Reg. **Feb. 25, 11 a.m.**
Ord. **Feb. 25, 11.30 a.m.**
Straits 12.30 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.
Honolulu 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Straits and Rangoon 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg., ... Feb. 26, 1.45 p.m.
Ord., ... Feb. 26, 2.30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

Sandakan 6.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 4 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 4 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for United-Kingdom
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 6.30 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 1

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O.
Reg., ... Mar. 1, 2 p.m.
Ord., ... Mar. 1, 2.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ... Mar. 1, 2 p.m.
Ord., ... Mar. 1, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, and East Africa 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco-Marques, and South Africa via Durban 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 2

Manila, Macasser and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Monday, Mar. 3

Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels Mar. 3, 11 a.m.
Letters Mar. 3, Noon.

Tuesday, Mar. 4

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O.
Reg., ... Mar. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ... Mar 4, 11 a.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ... Mar. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ... Mar 4, 11 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United-Kingdom via San Francisco (No Parcels for United-Kingdom).
Note:—All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription
K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 4, 4 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 4, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 4, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 4, 4 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 4, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 4, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

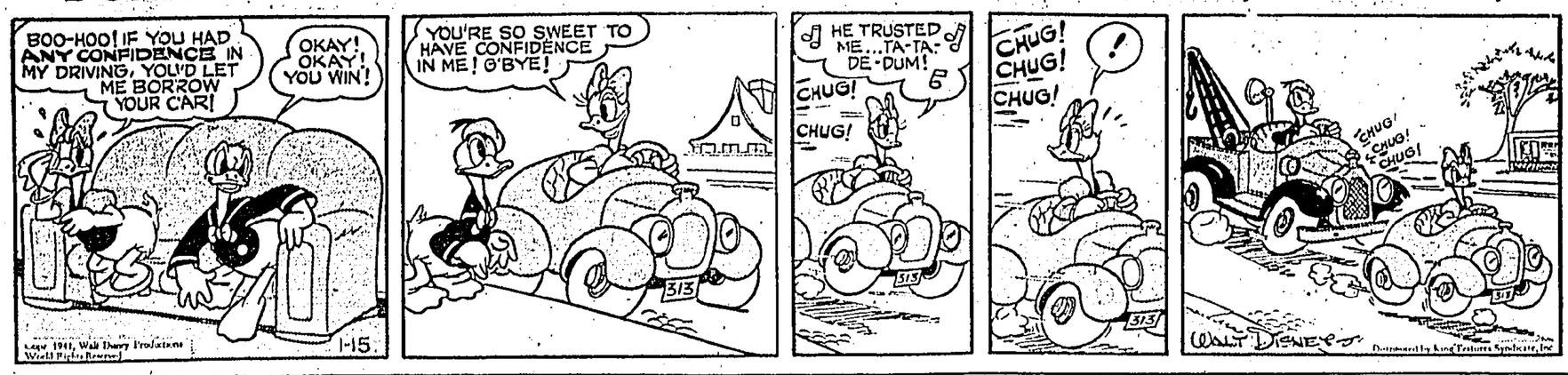
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Friday, Mar. 7

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 7, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 7, 7 p.m.
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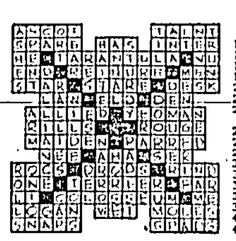


"You hoid me!—I said I like to do do little pois'nal t'ings myself!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

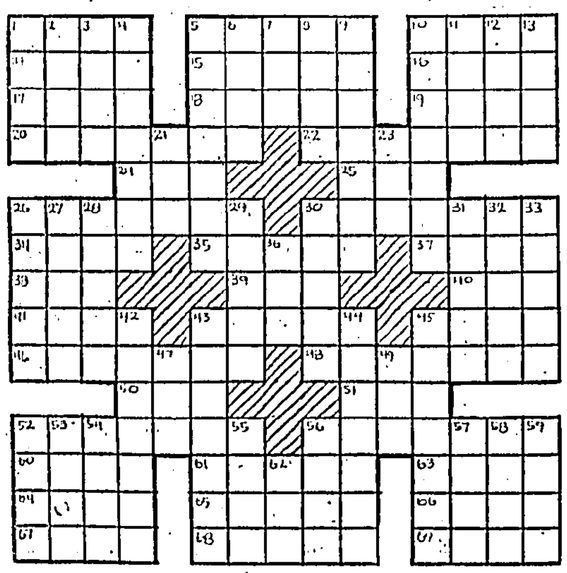


ACROSS

1—Demonstrative pronoun
6—Tilted up
10—Specks
14—Mournful sound
15—Regular steamer
16—Had
17—Medicinal plant
18—Got up
19—Unaspirated
20—Fort again
22—Came to point
24—Among
25—Make lace
26—Physical
30—Commander
34—Smuggs
35—Pound by scent
37—Rockfish
38—Sign of zodiac
39—Companion
40—Twice (music)
41—Bewildered
43—Remainder
45—Eject
46—Did secretly
48—Adds water to
50—Confederate general
51—Permit
52—Be worthy of
56—Instrumental virtuoso
60—Press
61—Trojan
63—Combining form: within
64—Boll
65—Girl's name
66—Pace
67—Individuals
68—Stinging insect
69—A few

DOWN

1—Russian ruler
2—Helium
3—Excited
4—Pertaining to heat
5—Owner of famous lamp
6—Wheel rim
7—Daughter of Cadmus
8—For fear that
9—Acted as host
10—Eraser
11—Above
12—Prong
13—Snow vehicle
21—River island
23—Kitchen vessel
26—Bottom of window frame (pl.)
27—Greek theater
28—Large deer
29—Was equal to
30—Frozen
31—Answer argument
32—Fragrant seed
33—Endures
36—Bait
42—Special skills
43—Passing through holes
44—Coarse shirts
45—Externality
47—Greek soul
49—Meadow
52—Antic (col.)
53—Ireland
54—Painful
55—Spirit
56—Agreement
57—In
58—Hold back
59—Buddhist shrine
62—Girl's name



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The Dutch East Indies has lately come very much before the public eye. Although the islands have become modern in many respects, certain native customs still hold sway. . . .

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Balinese Idea Of A Toothless Heaven

In this article, John Raleigh, who is on a visit to the Indies as representative for United Press, describes a strange and little-known Balinese ritual. . . .

If you dislike the dentist's drill, imagine the sensation of having your teeth filed half down to the gums!

The ordeal is one that is faced several times during the life of a Balinese. The people of Bali embrace the Hindu religion, and believe that filing away half their teeth enables them to become highly acceptable when entering heaven.

The rites are also undergone in the belief that levelled teeth, though partially destroyed, will equip a pious Hindu to eat the soft foods of Paradise.

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Because their bicuspids are no longer uneven when they die, the only foods that will be served to them upstairs will be practically mush which, to the Balinese mind, means the pap of celestial luxury.

Stoicism and self control govern the victims while a "filer", who goes from village to village, saws merrily away.

The girl relations of a local rajah went under the file calmly at a big filing ceremony recently near Denpasar. Their fortitude was remarkable through the operations, though no pain-killing drug was administered before, or during, the filing.

Preceded by the incantations of a high priest, the girls laid down on their backs and "took it" without a whimper. The only signs that they felt pain were muscle twitches and a swelling of the neck.

Though they clasped their hands in front of them no white knuckles showed, nor were finger nails dug into their palms. They were dressed in head-dresses of gold leaves and robes covered with sparkling gems.

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The girls' ages ranged from twelve to fifteen. They seemed as elated when the filing was finished as any of us stepping from the dentist's chair with the welcome phrase of "that's all for a year or so" ringing happily in our ears.

Several times, while the filing went on, an old woman, the girls' nurse, who had no teeth at all, would examine the job and shake her head. Back went the little princesses, and more filing followed until the old woman was satisfied.

These of the same caste as the rajah's relations sat and watched cheerfully, talking and laughing as the file's rasp sounded throughout the pavilion prepared for the occasion.

After a few years the nerveless teeth drop out, but heaven's door is all the more accessible for that. And toothless jaws do not bother a Baliness.

lives. Apparently they do not feel pain as we do, or are far less sensitive. They take it and like it.

Besides, the occasion calls for feasting and drinking on a big scale.

High caste natives have their teeth filed four or five times during their lives.

The setting of the royal filing would have pleased the critical eye of a Ziegfeld for colour and oriental grandeur.

The realism of a Belasco production was present as well.

The girls were borne to the pavilion on chairs carried by gaily-caprisoned young men and boys. The bearers' costumes were fancifully sewn with gold from the waist down. Upwards from the midriff, plain brown skin was topped by bright colour-splashed turbans. Spearmen went before the procession, while a native orchestra rattled, boomed, and chimed on its primitive instruments.

Watching the procession were old men and women who spat crimson betel nut juice regularly. Pigs, village mongrels and chickens intermingled under the feet of the marchers. Smells varied from incense to refuse.

The priest waited in the pavilion. He had gold ornaments interwoven with flower buds in his hair, and was draped in a white sarong.

His chanting was strangely familiar. In loud tones and long drawn out Hindu proverbs, he imitated a Grand Central train announcer to perfection.

Then he stepped aside, and beckoned to the filer, who thrust pieces of bamboo between molars, and went to work. The onlookers chattered while the file sung its angry refrain.

When the girls had lost half their front teeth, dentine, nerve and all, the feasting began. Native whiskey was served to the priests and a visiting rajah, who wore his best bib and tucker—a dirty white shirt, bilious green necktie, sarong and sandals.

The orchestra redoubled its efforts and dances followed. Betel nut juice stained the dirt everywhere, and a bang-up celebration concluded the show.

The girls expressed their gratitude to one and all that heaven was a step nearer.

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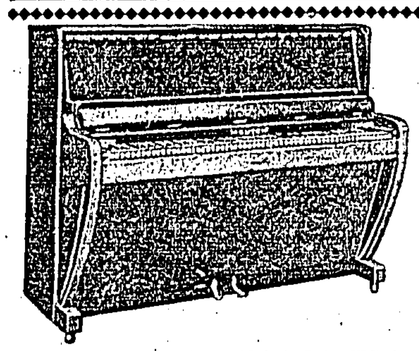


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"BOTTLED" AURORAE

WITH increased emphasis now being placed on the possibility of airlane travel in the upper atmosphere, and with much research work being pointed in this direction, the exact reproduction of the aurora borealis in the laboratory of Professor Joseph Kaplan and Dr S. M. Ruben of the University of California assumes much more than mere academic importance.

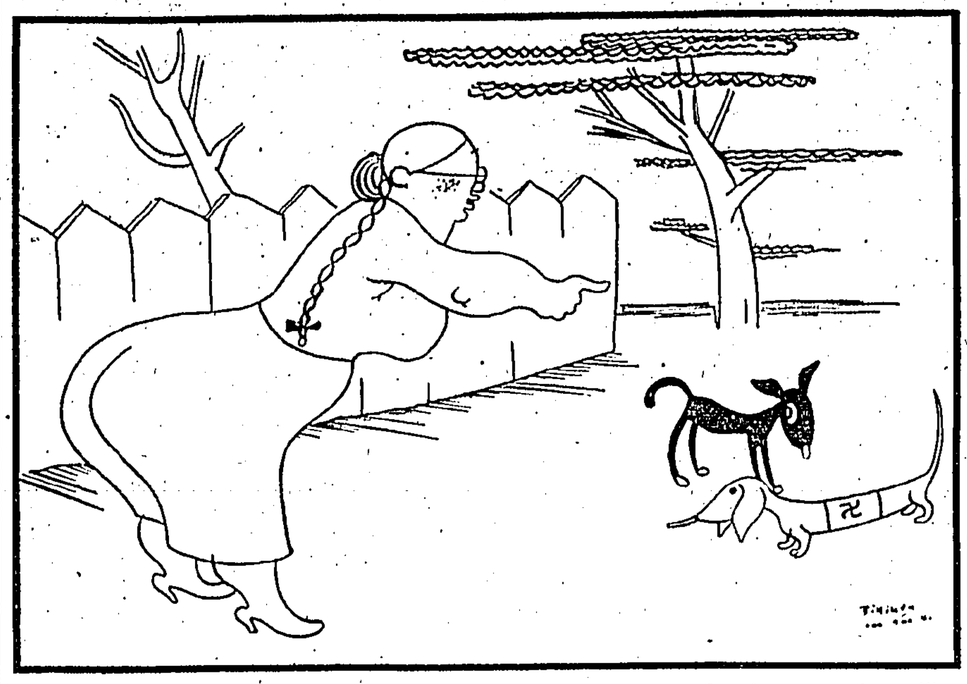
Almost the only clues to conditions between 20 and 100 miles above the earth's surface are given in these displays of home-made "northern lights." The upper atmosphere acts like a giant neon tube whose gases (helium, nitrogen and oxygen, according to Dr Kaplan and Dr Ruben) are excited and give off light whenever a prolonged flash of "current" from a discharge of high voltage energy is sent earthward from the sun. Such energy is attracted earthward to the magnetic poles, but there is sufficient voltage spread through the nonpolar atmosphere to cause excitation of ionized atoms for a considerable distance toward the equator.

Strangely, the investigators found they had to go to high pressures in the laboratory to reproduce the low pressure auroral phenomena, and that the higher the pressure the better the reproduction. In fact, every so-called "forbidden" line or band in the spectrum of the aurora has now been produced in the laboratory; all were found in the auroral afterglow.

Not only will these studies aid physicists and meteorologists working on upper air problems, which can now be investigated in the laboratory, but the experiments will also aid the study of light from stars and the identification of characteristics which heretofore have been cut out or distorted by the earth's atmosphere.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

RACIAL POLICY

By BILLIKEN



The Valkyrie: "Bertha... Bertha, come here at once... that dog is not an Aryan!"

DISTRUST VERSUS DEFENCE

By Roscoe Drummond

The loan-lease bill presents no new issue. It is pretty breath-taking only because it presents an old issue so boldly and so bluntly. It startles because it comes right to the point where we are called upon to translate words into deeds.

The loan-lease bill is an enabling act. In every possible way the American people have shown that they are united in their intention to aid Britain and her Allies to win the war. The purpose of this pending legislation is to enable the United States to aid Britain and her Allies fully and speedily.

In all candour, this is not an act of charity or altruism. It is an act of self-defence. It rests upon the proposition that Britain's defeat of the Axis now with American aid is the best possible guarantee that the United States will not have to fight the Axis in the future with no aid whatsoever.

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It is evident that the loan-lease bill has majority support in the country and in Congress. Its central object—that of rendering powerful and if possible decisive aid to the democracies—is not under strong attack. Its central method—that of producing the armaments in American factories at American expense and loan-leasing them, mostly to Britain, is widely accepted.

What, then, is the real issue that has to be resolved if America is to become the arsenal for democracy—an arsenal capable of arming the men and the morale of the free nations fighting to turn back the Axis assault on all freedom?

The truth of the matter is—and in large part it explains the grave lags in defence production itself—there is a genuine hesitancy to trust the President with the vast industrial, financial and international powers necessary to make American aid to Britain soon enough, fast enough and strong enough.

President Roosevelt himself, at a press conference recently, recognised the concern which many feel at concentrating such authority in the hands of a Chief Executive already invested with greater powers than any predecessor. Mr Roosevelt made it as clear that he is not eager for the powers which flow to the White House under the loan-lease bill. He said that to meet effectively the threat of war they must be exercised by someone and inevitably they go to the President.

There is considerable room for modifications in the terms of the loan-lease law without limiting its objectives. A time limit can be placed upon the powers it bestows. The strategic experts of the Army and Navy could be required to certify that the material could be spared, although this is as much a matter of high policy as it is military policy. The bill doesn't need to empower the President to give away or as the term is, "otherwise dispose of" the armaments. Some restriction could also be placed upon the authority of the President to take sides in any and every war which might appear to grow out of the present conflict.

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The question is not whether this grant of power is ideal. The question is whether there is any practical alternative. Democracy must know when it must delegate its power as well as when to harbour it.

The loan-lease programme means, in a word, all aid to Britain short of manpower. That is the most significant decision which Congress and the American people can make with respect to the war. Because any policy is a risk of war, this is a risk of war. It means that the United States is resolved to accept the risk of aiding Britain vigorously and fully rather than run the risk of aiding Britain weakly and partially.

> The aid to Britain legislation, and the lag in defence production, analysed by a noted Washington columnist whose views, as regularly published in the "Christian Science Monitor," are widely respected and discussed.

But there will be no vigorous aid to Britain until supplies begin to roll from the production lines faster than they are now.

Why does production still grievously lag at vital points, as the President plainly said in his message to Congress recently? Why has not industry veritably leaped to the task which the "terrible urgency" of the crisis demands? Why is the manufacture of aircraft 30 per cent below schedule and the manufacture of actual combat planes even below that?

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The frank answer is that both organised industry and organised labour are putting suspicion above co-operation and this suspicion affects their relations between each other and with the Administration.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected industrialists high in the defence councils, industry as a whole remains deeply distrustful of the Administration and is apprehensive that the President will be eager to use the emergency as a means of acquiring vast peace-time controls over private enterprise.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected labour leaders high in the defence councils, labour as a whole remains fearful that the pressure of the emergency will be used as a means of permanently breaking down the social legislation it has worked so hard to win. It is suspicious of management. It is uncertain about the Administration itself.

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A perhaps simpler way of putting this is to say that the United States cannot disunite itself behind a class struggle and at the same time unite itself behind defence. Until this question is resolved, the all-out effort to produce, produce and produce will not be made.

To put defence first does not mean that there are not grounds for suspicion and need for alertness. There are. But the urgent issue is this: Defence production will not rise at the rate the crisis requires unless industry and labour wholeheartedly join in, irrespective of immediate doubts and distrusts. Suspicions need not be erased, but they will have to be suspended until the main goal is reached.

There will be no future freedom for either private enterprise or for labour within the United States unless they both unite now to preserve the greater freedom of the United States itself.

LONDON'S WOMEN CARRY ON

By Phyllis M. Lovell

London.

Life for the London housewife is made up at the present time of strenuous happenings. Upon her fall the responsibilities of keeping the home going, of shopping in haste between the shriek of warning sirens, of making skilled use of those foods which happen to be available when she sallies forth with her basket, of contriving to eliminate all kinds of waste and of saving all paper, bones and metals. She must see to the safety of her family by day, and she must make sure—so far as she is able—that her family sleeps as well as may be by night.

Going about during the day, one comes constantly in touch with women who, unaided by the excitement of direct action, are carrying the responsibilities of British home life. They are calmly courageous.

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I overtook a group of three working girls as they entered one of the parks. They were hatless, but meticulously neat. One of them was recounting the affairs of the previous night to the other two. I could catch only a part of the recital.

"So there's no furniture now. At least, not much. A bed and two chairs, and them's rather messed up. But one can't grumble. Other folks—" The three passed out of earshot and I missed the rest.

A grandmother of my acquaintance, sleeping in an underground shelter the other night heard the sound of an incendiary bomb upon the roof of her building. Barefooted, and quite alone, she ran up the six stories to her front door, discovered the lighted bomb upon the floor of her sitting room, collected it in her coal shovel, threw it out into the garden and then successfully put out the fire it had started.

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By the same evening all was ship-shape once more. She had even gone to the lengths of repairing her ceiling. When neighbours recognised the fact that she had probably saved more than a dozen homes, she made light of it. "Any sensible person," she said, "would have done the same."

London's ordinary home women are doing great things. They are handling matters in the present emergency in a way which goes near to surprising themselves and certainly almost bewilders those who are privileged to look on.

Lawyers' Waste Paper

Records Problem

An interesting situation has arisen between the Ministry of Supply, which wants waste paper, the lawyers, who have a great deal of waste paper, and the British Records Association, which wants to have waste paper from lawyers' offices sorted by experts before it is pulped.

Cannot Be Persuaded

The lawyers themselves are alive to the danger that in any clear-out of their offices historical documents may be destroyed. The current issue of Law Notes says that an autograph letter of Warwick, the King-maker has been found recently.

A woman member of the Records Association complains that solicitors "cannot be persuaded" that it needs an expert to decide whether their old papers are of historical value or not. One sees her point of view. But where, in war-time, with the Ministry of Supply waiting on the mat, does she expect to find the vast army of experts that would be necessary?

Library, Supreme Court

United States May Land British War Supplies At Iceland Port

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Latin-American diplomatic sources disclose to the United Press that United States officials as well as diplomatic circles are actively discussing a plan whereby Iceland would become the trans-shipment base for United States war supplies for Britain.

The plan would allow United States ships to transport supplies to Iceland, which is a neutral nation outside the combat zone as defined by the United States neutrality act. The supplies would be unloaded, probably at Reykjavik, and picked up by the British for transport to the British Isles.

The project, reported to be under study in Administration circles, has been advanced as the practical solution to the serious British supply problem due to losses in submarine warfare.

The principal advantage would be to reduce by more than two-thirds the distance British cargo ships and convoys must travel now to take sorely-needed war materials to Britain. American ships at present are not allowed to enter British waters.

Plan's Benefit

Diplomats with which this plan has found favour pointed out that it would triple the available British shipping for such transport and relieve two-thirds of the present warships engaged on Atlantic convoy duty for use elsewhere or for intensification of convoy work.

The distance between New York and Liverpool is about 3,700 miles, but the distance between Iceland and Liverpool is only 1,000 miles.

Diplomatic quarters pointed out that the plan would probably be feasible without a revision of the Neutrality Act. Since the subjugation of Denmark, Iceland has been generally recognised as an independent nation. The United States has taken active interest in Iceland since the occupation of Denmark, and opened a consulate at Reykjavik.

Icebergs

The gulf stream, the extremity of which runs between Iceland and Europe, maintains a comparatively moderate climate in Iceland and permits navigation in adjacent waters.

The route between New York and Reykjavik is sometimes perilous due to icebergs, but the United States has a highly competent iceberg patrol, which forewarns ships of the presence of underwater masses of ice.

No official acceptance of the plan has been indicated, but diplomatic sources said it was being considered as one of the possible means to aid Britain.

MAGIC FACTORY

AN aircraft factory which will be invisible at night because of camouflaged landscaping and light traps has been planned in the United States.

Mr Donald Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, has given details of the scheme, says a message from San Francisco.

It will cost £2,750,000 and some of the defence precautions hitherto unknown-to-U.S.-industry will be: subterranean storage for planes and fuel; an important power unit covering 200 acres; underground shelter for 20,000 employees; and buildings designed to withstand fire, bomb and shell fragments as far as possible.

Deaf Mutes Married

TWO deaf mutes were married at Queen-street Registry Office in Melbourne recently.

The couple, Mr John O'Grady, of Myrtleford, and Miss Ethel Leber, of Richmond, took the marriage oaths in sign language and lip articulation.

The caution under the marriage act was similarly administered, by the aid of an interpreter, on whose hands the couple kept their eyes throughout the ceremony.

The couple are lucky, for the day before they won £375.

GIANT BOMBER

New York, Feb. 24.

A giant Consolidated bomber, the first of 26 which Britain has ordered from that company, was delivered to Canadian officials after a secret flight from New York.—*United Press.*

Unrest In Holland Growing

Unrest in Holland is revealing itself in the increasing frequency of street fights and brawls between members of different political parties.

Political argument, and consequent fisticuffs, have even spread to elementary schools, as a broadcast of a new (Nazi) Under-Secretary for Education shows.

"I know," he said, "that you are often discussing politics, the war and the new things you see happening in the streets. Stop those altercations."

He directed the same warnings to pupils at secondary schools, whom he promised "more sports and games as an outlet for your energy."

Tighter Police Control

The Germans are still not satisfied with the attitude of the Dutch police. Many Dutch Nazis have been drafted into the police forces, and street patrols by Dutch Nazi blackshirts, are often attacked and beaten up during the hours of darkness.

Many German policemen and soldiers have been drowned in canals, and a large number of these are believed to have been pushed into the water. In The Hague alone ten miles of railings have been put up along the canal banks.

The Dutch police have been put under the control of German security police, and streets are in future to be patrolled in pairs, one German and one Dutch policeman.

Ban on Tricolour

The Germans have prohibited the display of the Dutch tricolour at meetings or in processions, "because the Netherlands flag is too venerable for such occasions."

After a German sentry at Leyden had been fired upon, the chief of police issued an order to all civilians to surrender firearms. Anyone now found in possession of a firearm is liable to be shot immediately.

Dead Pilot In Nazi Fighter

A German fighter with a dead pilot at the controls was encountered recently by an R.A.F. sergeant pilot over England.

The enemy fighter, one of a number of Messerschmitts which had been intercepted by a Hurricane squadron, was singled out by the sergeant pilot, who was surprised to find that his opponent took no evasive action when attacked and began to lose height in a gentle dive.

Investigated

Deciding that the strange tactics required further investigation, the sergeant pilot closed up and flew alongside the Messerschmitt.

"When I looked into the cockpit I saw the German pilot crumpled up and lying forwarded in his seat," he said afterwards. "He was dead, I am sure, but I decided to stay around for a bit longer and see what happened. I kept alongside that German for quite a few minutes and then flew round and round, but still the gentle dive continued. Then the Messerschmitt slowly turned, dropped into a spin, and, still spinning, crashed to the ground."

DAMAGE REWARD

Somewhere in London a school has suffered badly as a result of enemy action. There is no roof, the windows are all gone, the interior has been gutted by fire and the walls are very considerably marked, but not too marked to obscure signs on two of the standing walls.

They read: "A reward of Five Shillings will be paid to anybody giving information which will lead to the conviction of persons damaging these premises."

AMERY REPORT ON INDIA

Arming at Speed

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—After a tribute to the gallantry of Indian troops in Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, dealing with India's war effort, said that India was now one of the greatest industrial countries in the world as well as one of the greatest producers of foodstuffs and raw materials.

She was already making her own rifles, machine-guns, field artillery and ammunition, and 90 per cent. of all miscellaneous equipment for her forces.

The Indian Army, he said, is being rapidly expanded to a force of 500,000 men, armed, trained, equipped and mechanised on a modern scale, exclusive of troops already serving abroad.

Eden Meets Catroux

Free French Forces

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—As soon as he arrived here, Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, received General Georges Catroux, leader of the Free French in the Middle East, it is now revealed.

Mr Eden congratulated General Catroux on the part played by the Free French forces in the defence of Egypt and against the Italians in Abyssinia and on the notable contribution which French soldiers, sailors and airmen were making in the fight against the common enemy.

PRESS GANG IN SHANGHAI

Chinese Kidnapped For Military Service

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—A virtual reign of terror now prevails in the Yangtszepoo district in Shanghai as a result of the activities of the Japanese press gang in conscripting Chinese residents for military service, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

As many persons are reported to have been kidnapped, most of the Chinese inhabitants there are now confining themselves indoors and dare not venture out lest they be seen and spirited away by the Japanese. It is reported that among those already conscripted by the Japanese are included some Chinese in the employment of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Atrocity Story

ENSHIH, Feb. 23 (Central News).—A story alleging revolting and beastly behaviour by a party of Japanese soldiers in a village in Central Hupeh, just recieved here, has aroused the greatest indignation among the people.

On January 30, according to report, a party of some ten Japanese cavalrymen and about 50 infantrymen raided Changchiachang village near Tienmen. After plundering the shops, they set on a wild rampage criminally assaulting many Chinese women in the nearby villages.

A peasant named Wu Chiang-kwan, aged 70, was arrested by the Japanese and ordered to carry the loot for them. The old man indignantly demurred and came into a fistic fight with his captors, and was instantly killed.

On the same day, another party of Japanese at Taihwangwan went to Wangchiacheng village and embarked on a similarly foul mission.

MENZIES SEES CHURCHILL

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, saw Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, during the week-end and had a lengthy conversation on matters bearing on his visit to Britain.

On Monday afternoon he had a talk with the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne.

Attending War Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will attend meetings of the War Cabinet during his visit to England, it was officially announced to-day.

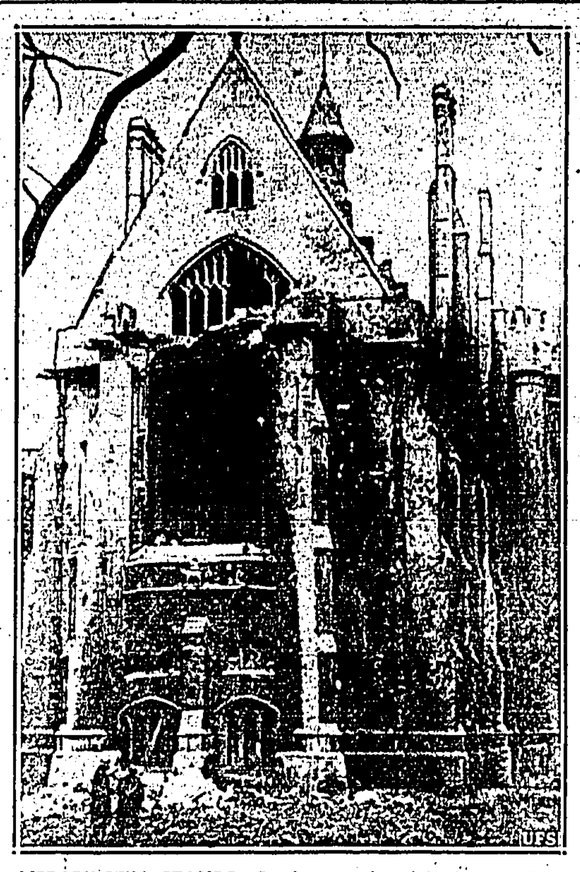
Wing To Wing Fight Of Poles

King George's Inspection

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—King George, while making a tour of inspection of R.A.F. aerodromes recently visited several Polish squadrons.

His Majesty subsequently expressed his appreciation of the smartness and enthusiasm of the Polish airmen.

The Polish Commander-in-Chief, in reply, assured His Majesty that the Polish airmen are proud to fight wing to wing with the R.A.F. and consider it a privilege to be serving at the same time their own country and Britain in a common noble cause.



LIBRARY STILL STANDS—Bomb-scarred and broken by German bombs, famed Inner Temple Library still stands in London. Many books of great value have been badly damaged but some are being saved.

CANADIANS TRAIN WITH RAY GUN

A harmless ray gun which, military officials said, "shoots" with the accuracy and range of a medium machine-gun, is being used by the Canadian armoured corps in training at Camp Borden, Ontario.

By means of a light bulb, magnifying glass and lenses, the ray gun is "fired" in exactly the same way as an ordinary machine gun. It is equipped with a telescopic sight similar to that used on machine guns.

When used in mock battles the gun will cause "casualties" by catching men in the flickering light. Those "shot" by the gun will have no doubt that they are hit, officials said, because even at ranges up to 1,500 yards in bright sunlight, the ray is nearly blinding in intensity at its centre.

A few feet on either side, within what would be the "beaten zone" of a machine gun, a reddish-yellow light is plainly visible.

Movable Target

The gun was conceived by Col. F. F. Worthington, Commander of the First Canadian Armoured Brigade, and a test model was tried last May. It has since been perfected by Maj. F. A. Landrieau, gunnery officer of the Canadian Armoured Corps Training Centre.

For gunnery practice when no real target is available the gun is equipped with an unpredictable moving target in the bull's eye of which is a photo-electric cell which records the number of shots hitting the bull's eye.

The gun also is equipped with an automatic shutter, like that on a camera, which allows "bullet rays" to flash from the barrel at the same rate as real bullets are ejected from a machine gun.

VODKA CHIEF IS SENTENCED

Four Soviet industrial leaders have been sentenced to death on charges of alleged "damage to the State" amounting to £124,000. One of the condemned men was the head of the Kiev State Vodka factory, Galperin, who was described as the "leader of a gang of bandits." It was alleged that he and his confederates stole petrol and spirit from the factory by putting half-filled bottles of factory produce on the market and selling the remainder to private illegal dealers.

New British Plan To Gaol Gluttons

PEOPLE who eat more than the fixed number of dishes in hotels and restaurants may be sent to gaol, it is reported from London.

This is understood to be a provision in the new food plan prepared by the Minister for Food (Lord Woolton).

Caterers who serve customers with too many dishes may also be punished.

Greedy customers are liable to three months' gaol or a £100 fine, or both, on summary conviction.

If they are found guilty of an indictment the penalty may be six months' imprisonment or a fine of £500, or both.

The new plan heavily restricts hotel and restaurants menus.

At present, restaurant meals must consist of only one main dish—either fish or meat.

Meals in Restaurants

It is expected that the new regulations will forbid eggs, poultry, or cheese as an addition.

This means that if a customer wants eggs, poultry, or cheese, he can't have meat or fish.

Restaurants will thus have to serve more soup, hors d'oeuvres, puddings, and fruit.

One leading West End hotel offers a two-course dinner for 7/6 which consists of hors d'oeuvres or soup or eggs, fish as an entree, and then a roast, grill, or cold buffet.

Dancing And Darts Said Ruining Youth

BRITAIN'S "painted flappers and City boys with pointed shoes" are results of the Government's lack of a strong policy in dealing with the problems of adolescence.

German and Russian youth have had imagination fired by their leaders, but the young people of Britain have been allowed to waste their time on dancing and darts.

Mr Stanley Nairn, Junior Officer for boys under the new Government youth welfare scheme, made these observations in opening a conference of youth leaders at Skelmorlie, Ayrshire.

"The dull man of thirty you see in any tram has had his interest blunted with horse-racing, dog-racing and prize-fighting," said Mr Nairn.

Yet British youth, he believed, was as good stuff as one could find anywhere in the world.

—Joy Bait

Mr Nairn was giving an introductory address to South-West Scottish trainees, Varsity men and women, and teacher volunteers who were attending an intensive week-end conference.

He warned his audience that dancing, darts, and billiards used as bait to attract boys and girls were not enough unless they were clear that these were only a means to an end.

There could be no disciplined training, he declared, unless the imagination was fired by an idealist behind these things.

Bombs From Former Crack German Liner

What was once Germany's crack ocean liner, the Imperator, is contributing material for the crushing of Nazism. The Imperator became the Berengaria, and to-day the Berengaria is being scrapped to make munitions and provide steel for Britain's rapidly growing aeroplane production.

Gone are the staterooms and the cabins. You can now stand on narrow steel girders which once provided the main support for its decks and gaze a hundred feet down into the depths of its enormous engine rooms.

The experts calculate that 95 per cent. of the ship's structure can be turned into munitions of one sort or another—and there were 56,000 tons of it before the shipbreakers went to work. For 15 months the Berengaria has steadily been employing 120 men, and many months will yet have to pass before this potential source of munitions supply for Britain's war effort will have come on an end.

The Imperator might still be sailing the seas, or her structure might be going to shape a new peaceful ocean liner; but Germany willed it otherwise.



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Kowloon Virtual League Champions

J. M. Gosano Fails To Save Recreio On Heavy Wicket

THE WEATHER HAS been so foul for so long that one had almost forgotten that the cricket season was on. On last Saturday week everything was washed out—including the Races! I actually went down to the Valley to a lunch party which was not cancelled but the weather was bleak and horrible. In some ways last Saturday, it did not seem much better, but the grounds had dried up sufficiently to enable several games to be played. The star fixture was of course the K.C.C. and Recreio match when the former club managed to pull the game off and more or less made themselves secure for the Shield though there has not been so much interest in the competition this year, with the Army and Club out of it.

K.C.C. were fortunate to play on their own ground when meeting Recreio, but even their somewhat sheltered ground was none too good. The turf was of course very heavy, the weather cold with a strong wind blowing most of the time.

The Recreio, who were put in, played a rather typical innings. They so often have one batsman come off and the rest do nothing. So it was on Saturday. They could not get the ball away and could manage to average no more than just under four runs per over.

J. M. Gesano was the batsman who came off and he got 75 of their total of 128 for 9 wickets. Of the rest G. N. Gosano (12) alone got double figures. A team cannot hope to win on one batsman.

It might have been expected that the strong Recreio attack on the difficult wicket might have put up a surprise; but this year they do not seem to be in their best form and no one could do the trick. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano and Prata were expensive and ineffective though I have heard the fielding was not as good as it usually is. D. Hung (34) Anderson (46 not out) and F. J. Lay (30) made sure of victory though they did not manage to get beyond the rate of 5.6 runs per over. It is a pity that such an interesting and important match should have had to be played under such depressing conditions.

Junior Division

THE University second eleven once more proved the solidity of their batting and the Craigengower bowlers could not get them out fast enough to force a win. They batted for 33 overs before declaring at 167 for 9 wickets and only left C.C.C. time for 26 overs.

J. C. Lo (47) D. Chelliah (40) and R. S. Gill (36) were chief scorers for the Varsity, but I regret to see there were three men run out. This shows want of coaching and I presume they did not read my lucubrations the other day on the art of running! Craigengower did not make much of things save for Hamson who scored 47 not out and they had made 92 for six when the end came.

I.R.C. And Police

THE Police are sore put to it to raise a full side and they did uncommonly well to give the Indians such a fight on Saturday. They got them out reasonably enough for 139 of which Wahab's 31 was top score. When L. Clarke (39) and H. Tyler (41) got together things looked good for the Police, but after them came the deluge which Shepherd mainly attempted to stem with a 23. As it was they only failed by three runs. I.R.C. have Abbas to thank for he took 6 wickets in eleven overs for 43 runs.

Non-League Games

IT was perfectly beastly at the Club ground when an "A" team of the Club took on the Recreio second eleven. Huddled up in a coat and woolly scarf, I thanked goodness I had not got to be out in the middle.

The ground had dried faster than I had expected owing, no doubt, to the strong wind that had been blowing all the morning, but it looked a bit of a snipe-marsh. Owing to the heavy outfield, runs came slowly and the principle of "blooming 'ard and blooming 'igh and blooming often" was the only one to speed up things.

Paterson (37), Carey (29) and Ilsley (23) were the principal scorers for the Club. Recreio would have been rather in difficulties but for A. E. Noronha's innings of 62. As it was, they were nine runs behind with four wickets to go when stumps were drawn. It must be remembered however that the Club had declared at 127 for 8 wickets.

Macauley Again

THE D.B.S. did well to get within four runs of C.S.C.C.'s 151 for 8 declared with only 7 wickets down. They owe it however, almost entirely to J. Macauley who made 91 not out. He has been doing very well this year, and I hope he will be able to stick to the game.

The Sunday Game

THE Recreio batsmen on their own ground on Sunday gave a very much improved display though they were up against Zimmern and Lloyd and also Perry. Batting ten men, they put up 181 runs. Wickets were shared, but it must be recorded that my old friend Ernie Zimmern went on to bowl!

Teddy Fincher returned to his old place as opening batsman and hit up 74, but Archie Zimmern's score of 31 and Perry's of 23 were the only others over twenty. It was a tight finish, but the Volunteers failed by five runs.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

U.S. BASKETBALL TOURISTS



• A group picture of the American basketball stars of the 20th Century Fox Film Company when they appeared in a charity match at the Chinese "Y" on Saturday and trounced a local quintette.

SING TAO ON TOUR

Leaving Tomorrow For Philippines

THE SING TAO Sports Club leave Hongkong to-morrow to make a football tour of the Philippines at the invitation of the Philippines A.A. The party is comprised of two officials and 16 players.

In all, five matches will be played, and the tourists are expected back in Hongkong by March 17.

The team will be under the management of Mr. Aw Hoe, and Mr Law Chi-hing will act as Hon. Secretary.

The players are:

Cheung Wing-choi, Siu Tin-lim, Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon, Lau Tin-sang, Leung Yin-chan, Tsui Ah-fai, Sin Yau-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang, Yeung Shui-yick, Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-ki and Ip Pak-wa.

Leung Wing-chui is unable to obtain the necessary leave.

Badminton

Recreio Defeat Chinese "Y"

IN A CLOSE and thrilling game of badminton in the "A" Division of the League yesterday, Club de Recreio beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 5-4 at King's Park.

Not until the final round of games was the match decided. C. Au and H. Koh proved the weak link in the "Y" side, though in what now can be termed the deciding match, J. J. Remedios and H. Gonsalves only inflicted defeat by 23-22.

The scores were:

J. J. Remedios and H. S. Gonsalves lost to S. Koh and C. Y. Yung 16-21; lost to C. H. Wong and C. T. Lau 6-21; beat C. Au and H. Koh 23-22.

A. M. Silva and L. A. Carvalho lost to Koh and Yung 16-21; beat Wong and Lau 21-13; beat Au and Koh 21-15.

A. M. Rodrigues and M. A. Oliveira beat Koh and Yung 21-18; lost to Wong and Lau 9-21; beat Au and Koh 21-13.

Game Postponed

The game between University A and University B, scheduled for last night, was postponed to Friday.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
University "A"	4	4	–	33	3	8
University "B"	3	2	1	16	11	4
Recreio	5	2	3	14	31	4
Chinese "Y"	6	1	5	18	30	2

Leading Owners And Jockeys

The following are the lists of leading owners and jockeys at Happy Valley:

Owners

	1	2	3
Cire	4	4	3
Lan	4	3	3
T. K. L.	4	3	1
Eve	3	5	—
Necan	3	—	—
Li Po-chun	2	—	—
Eu Tong-sen	1	2	—
C. C. F.	1	1	—
Lee Chi-chok	1	1	—
Dynasty	1	1	—
P. and L.	1	—	1
Vilaja	1	—	1
Gredmaka	1	—	1
Shields and Stanton	1	—	—
Weetoo	1	—	—
Yeung Bros.	1	—	—
C. W. K.	1	—	—
Mrs A. E. Grasett	1	—	—
Hollandia	1	—	—
P. M. Hoo	1	—	—
Kia Ora	1	—	—
Kwok Yee-chan	1	—	—
C. I. Gregory	1	—	—
C. H.	—	2	—
S. K.	—	1	2
Lee Bros.	—	1	2
Marber	—	1	1
G. Tinson	—	1	1
Mrs Chunog Ho-yen	—	1	1
Golf	—	1	—
Billy	—	1	—
Culture	—	1	—
G. A. Harriman	—	1	—
Kong Bros.	—	1	—
Wai Shiu-pak	—	1	—
S. W.	—	1	—
C. H. Chan	—	—	2
W. T. Stanton	—	—	2
C. N. K.	—	—	2
Pearstur	—	—	1
Bridge	—	—	1
Quartermaster	—	—	1
S. S.	—	—	1
Toots	—	—	1
Manetta	—	—	1
L. W. S.	—	—	1
T. L.	—	—	1
Colleng	—	—	1
E. S. K.	—	—	1
Lucky	—	—	1
S. W. Lee	—	—	1
Cocoa	—	—	1
Marber I	—	—	1

Jockeys

	1	2	3	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	4	2	14
H. C. Pih	4	3	2	12
C. B. Moller	3	4	3	8
F. Noodt	3	3	2	13
Ip Kui-ying	3	–	1	2
L. B. Chao	2	4	2	15
W. H. S. Davis	2	4	1	13
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	10
D. Black	2	–	5	12
H. J. A. Hearne	2	–	1	8
M. M. Sokoloff	1	4	2	10
W. G. Poy	1	3	–	11
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	9
A. D. Coppin	1	1	–	3
D. H. S. Craven	1	–	2	6
P. P. Botelho	1	–	2	14
B. Le Tao	1	–	2	21
H. J. Holden	1	–	1	–
R. M. Wood	1	–	–	7
K. W. Fung	–	1	–	1
D. G. Woo	–	1	–	2
S. L. Sung	–	1	–	9
L. J. A. Fielden	–	–	1	–
S. W. Tang	–	–	1	–
Tang Man-wa	–	–	1	4
G. Treverton	–	–	1	13
H. S. Chang	–	–	1	19
J. Barrow	–	–	–	1
M. F. L. Haymas	–	–	–	1
G. W. Cooper	–	–	–	1
C. C. Chan	–	–	–	1
S. W. Pan	–	–	–	2
B. A. Proulx	–	–	–	2
Chanson Feng	–	–	–	2
T. W. Chatley	–	–	–	3
K. I. Ip	–	–	–	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	–	–	–	3
C. L. Gregory	–	–	–	3
Chui Ki-fan	–	–	–	3
S. W. Lee	–	–	–	4
F. A. Sequeira	–	–	–	4
Ho Hong-ping	–	–	–	10
R. K. C. Chui	–	–	–	12
Hoo Pak-ming	–	–	–	12
S. L. Yuen	–	–	–	18

C. S. C. C. Cricket XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. juniors in a friendly Cricket match against Hongkong C.C. on Saturday at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:

H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.



PLAQUE FOR BOXER—Former Mayor Walker, left, presents Henry Armstrong with Neil memorial plaque for outstanding sportsmanship, at dinner in Ruppert's Brewery, New York. President Lowin of boxing writers, right.

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Walter Neusel Scores T.K.O.

Schmeling Still In Excellent Trim

BERLIN, Jan. 27 (UP).—Walter Neusel technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the 10th round at the Deutschlundhalle last night in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight title.

Max Schmeling—who ranks as the European rather than German champion—made his first public appearance in several months when he was introduced to the cheering crowd before the fight.

Schmeling, who was in mufti, was accompanied by scores of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained a leave and had flown down from the training station especially for the fight, at which they were guests of honour.

No Definite Plans

Max stated to the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but he hinted he might meet the winner between Neusel and Lasek. He said he did not have any definite plans for the future, nor could he say if he would have a return bout with Champion Joe Louis whom he characterised as "the best of them all."

Schmeling, to whom the German press refers as "still the most popular of all German fighters," looked 'rim and in excellent condition. Max refused to give any details about his training as a parachute trooper and also refused to answer any questions bearing on the war.

During the interview, the former world champion was surrounded by scores of officers who were his military superiors.

Middlesex Win Six-mile Marathon Race

Combined Small Units met Middlesex Regiment in a six-mile marathon race yesterday afternoon, starting and finishing at the European Y.M.C.A. The race resulted in a win for the latter, who scored 121 points. Results were:

1, L/Cpl Dunne (Middlesex); 2, Pte Heather (Middlesex); 3, Cpl Hobson (Middlesex); 4, Dmr Merton (Middlesex); 5, Cpl Truscott (Signals); 6, Sig. Lithauer (Signals); 7, Cpl Cole (Small Units); 8, Pte Hughes (Middlesex); 9, Pte Coomer (Middlesex); 10, Pte Baker (Middlesex).

La Salle Athletics

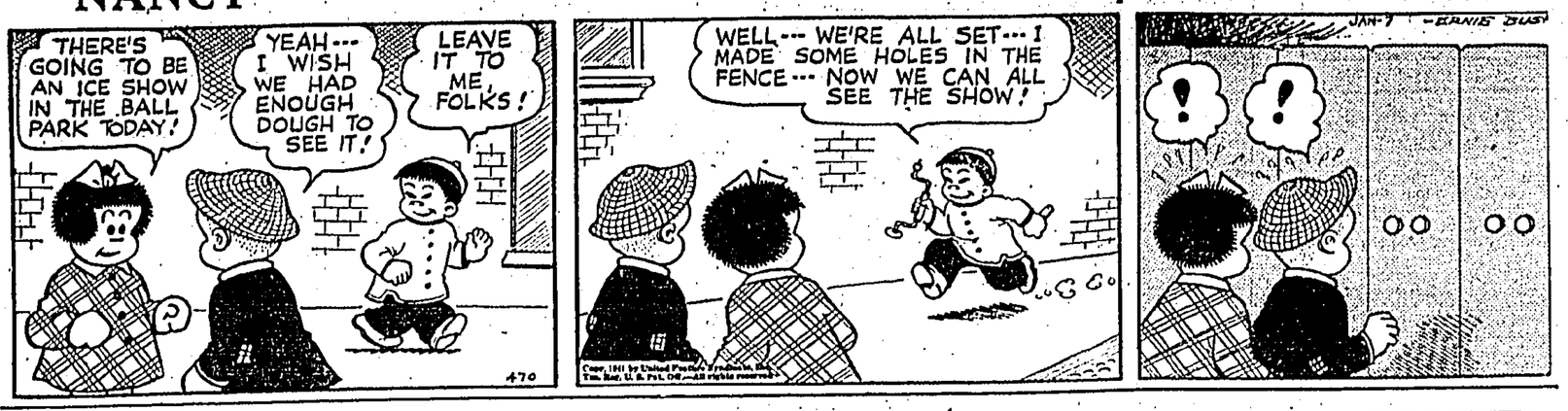
The tenth annual Athletic meeting of the La Salle College will be held on the College grounds on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m.

Children Sports

To-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m., on the Southorn Playground, Wanchai, the Children's Playground Association will hold their seventh annual Children's Sports. A football (small ball) match will be played at 4.30 p.m. and prizes will be presented at 5 p.m.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Censors, Secret Agents Replace Honeymooners In Sunny Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 23 (UP).—A staff of some 800 British army and government authorities is stationed on this island as a final check against spying and shipments to and from the United States which might damage the British war cause.

Honeymooners and vacationers who formerly flocked to Bermuda in peacetime have been replaced by censors, secret service agents, customs officials and army authorities intent on using this gateway to the Western Hemisphere as a marine outpost for Great Britain's war against the Axis powers.

Co-operation of the U.S. Government, which instructed the Pan American Airway's Clippers and ships of American Export Lines to submit to examination on their trips to and from Europe,—signalised by the American sailors who are here to establish a defence naval base near St. George. The base was one of the many acquired in the United States-British destroyer trade.

However, the job of the contraband control and the censors is staggering in proportion. These officials must examine passengers, cargo and mail of every plane and ship that enters a Bermudan port.

Blockade Rulings

Passengers bound for the war zone must give up any soap, matches, sugar, coffee, silk and other commodities declared as contraband under rulings of the British blockade.

An Axis citizen travelling on a special U.S. Government visa—as was the case of Italian officials who recently returned to their country from the World's Fair—were forced to give up all their money except bare travelling expenses. Gold and Jewellery also was confiscated.

A French World's Fair official returning to his home in occupied France had some 25 pounds of chocolate, sugar, coffee and a quantity of women's silk stockings taken from him. A French marquis, also returning to France, had to give up to the British a quantity of match folders inscribed "Help Us to Help France."

Status Of Persons

Major problem of the British authorities here is determination of the status of persons travelling to unoccupied France and to such countries as Holland, Denmark, Hungary, Belgium and Sweden. These nationals, returning to nations under German domination, constitute a constant problem for the British secret service.

Although no official data is available, it is known that several persons have been detained when they attempted to pass through the Bermuda control. If they are found to be enemies of the British, they are interned either in one of the islands here or sent to a Canadian camp.

Confiscation Receipts

Persons who have property confiscated here receive receipts for it in case they wish to appeal to the British contraband control for a return. However, such appeals will take years in settlement and for property of little value, little protest is made.

Bermudans still are attempting to picture their islands as an American vacation spot despite the war. The drop in vacations revenue which annually runs into millions of dollars has seriously affected Bermuda economy.

Man Blows Himself Up With Dynamite

A man committed suicide in an hotel at Buffalo recently by blowing himself to pieces with dynamite.

He was William Wright, 40.

Police said that Wright had been told to move from the hotel because he had not paid his board.

He spent most of the night sitting in the lobby.

The explosion of the dynamite did not injure anyone else in the lobby.

Nazi Munitions Train Crashes

The explosion of a German munitions train which recently crashed into another train on one of the three main lines from Hungary to Rumania damaged a large part of the town of Berettyo Ujfalu and wrecked the tracks, reports Associated Press from Budapest.

The town is near what used to be the Hungarian-Rumanian frontier before Rumania ceded Transylvania to Hungary, and is about midway between Pospokladany and Nagyvarad.

This route has been used by the Germans to move heavy troop reinforcements through Hungary into Rumania.

Hungarian censorship clamped down on further details of the accident.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday says:

The Races were resumed to-day and as a result the market is very quiet.

Buyers

Canton Ins. $215
Union Ins. $411
Lands 4½ Debentures $97.50
Lights "O" $6.10

Sellers

Hotels $3.60
Humphreys $7.05

Sales

H.K. Govt 3½% Loan (1934) 95
Lights "O" $6.25
Electrics "O" $41.75
Telephones "N" $9.90



CHINA RELIEF—Poster to be distributed throughout the United States by the China Emergency Relief Committee. Portrait of the Chinese baby is by James Montgomery Flagg. The Committee, headed by Pearl Buck, authoress, wants to raise $1,000,000.

HOST TO PRINCE OF WALES

American Oil Magnate Dead

MR JOSHUA COSDEN, who was the host of the Prince of Wales during the Royal visit to the United States in 1924, has died suddenly, aged 59. He had a heart attack while travelling in a train at El Paso, Texas.

A one-time poorly-paid clerk in a Baltimore (Maryland) drug store, Mr Cosden became rich in a night in the oilfields of Oklahoma. He piled million upon million, and climbed the social ladder until he reached the portals of New York's most exclusive circles.

It was while he was the Prince of Wales's host at a week-end party that a thief entered his house and stole £30,000 worth of Mrs Cosden's jewels.

Jewels worth £4,000 belonging to Lady Louis Mountbatten were also stolen.

This was the peak of both the social and financial success of Mr Cosden.

"Game Josh"

The pendulum began swinging back. The great Cosden and Co. through which "Game Josh," as he was called, had built a personal fortune valued at £10,000,000, declined.

Villas on Long Island and at Palm Beach and Newport were sold, the Cosden private railroad car disposed of, and the family retired from the public eye.

Two years later, in 1928, with £1,000,000 that his eastern friends loaned him, Mr Cosden went back to the oil fields for his second climb up the financial ladder.

Twice A Millionaire

Establishing headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas, he invested in oil lands, and developed them and the Cosden Oil Co., which he had formed, until they were credited with a paper value of £3,000,000.

At least half this value had been acquired by Mr Cosden.

Then in March, 1930, Mr Cosden was taken ill in his more modest new home in Florida, and for weeks lay in a critical condition.

His company potentially still was strong. Its assets exceeded its liabilities, but cash for current debts was not at hand, and a receiver was appointed.

Fletcher Pearls

Mr Cosden devoted part of his wealth to sport. At the height of his career he owned a string of 32 racehorses and was sometimes referred to as the "Thomas Lipton of the turf."

Mrs Cosden added lustre to her social success by her acquisition of the famous Fletcher pearls, valued at £100,000.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Greta Keller (Vocal) and Billy Thorburn and His Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Concerto in A Major.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Sibelius.

Karelia Suite, Op. 11; Alla Marcia—Intermezzo....London Philharmonic Orchestra; Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides," Op. 73....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult; Slickan Kom Ifran Sin Asklings Mote...Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano acc.; Finlandia—Tone Poem, Op. 26, No. 7....Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'.

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 'Band Waggon'.

With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

8.25 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.35 Film Selections.

'Everybody Sing'—Film Selection.. Louis Levy and His Orchestra; Stars Over Broadway—Selection; Rise and Shine—Selection Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band; 'Thanks for the Memory'—Two Sleepy People; 'Big Broadcast of 1938'—New Thanks for the Memory Bob Hope and Shirley Ross (Vocal); 'Everything in Rhythm'—Selection.....Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—'Question of the Hour'.

9.30 Elgar—Frossart Overture, Op. 19.

("When Chivalry lifted up her lance on high"—Keats)....London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

9.43 Cesar-Franck—Prelude, Chorale and Fugue.

Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 Brahms—Quintet in B Minor. Op. 115.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Andantino-Presto non assai, ma con sentimento; 4th Mov: Con moto—Un poco meno mosso....Busch Quartet and Reginald Kell (Clarinet).

10.50 Brahms Gypsy Songs.

The Madrigal Singers.

11.00 Close Down.

GERMANY'S WAR ON SHIPPING

1917 and To-day Compared

Some misunderstanding may have been caused by Mr Greenwood's statement in the House of Commons recently that in the matter of shipping losses the position to-day is very much like that of April, 1917. That may have been taken to mean that Germany is succeeding in destroying merchant ships at the same rate now that she succeeded in reaching twenty-three years ago.

Such an interpretation of Mr Greenwood's words is not justified, nor indeed was it intended (writes a naval correspondent) for he went on to qualify them by saying that the position was not as bad as it might have been. The resemblance between the conditions of 1917 and those of to-day is indeed one of kind rather than of degree.

The position in April, 1917, was not only one of great danger, but there were then no means of reducing that danger then in sight. Admiral Sims, of the American Navy, recorded a conversation with Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, then First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, in which Jellicoe told him that he could see no means at the moment of reducing the losses of merchant shipping.

More Destroyers Needed

There is no such gloomy outlook to-day. So far as the losses to-day are the result of U-boat attack, the high rate is due solely to shortage of anti-submarine craft for convoy escorts.

The causes of that shortage are perfectly well known—the defection of the French Navy, the addition of Italy to our enemies, and the necessity for taking special measures against the danger of invasion—and the shortage is in process of being steadily made good.

Destroyers, both from British shipyards and from the American Navy, are steadily coming into service, and, thanks to the present efficiency of the Asdic and depth charge, it only needs a sufficiency of destroyers to restore the rate of destruction of U-boats to what it was in the early months of the present war.

So far as losses are the result of the new methods of air attack the position is not quite so simple. A new technique of counter action has to be devised to deal with the new form of attack, but that problem, it is to be hoped, is already on the way to solution. In any case, the air threat to shipping is nothing like so great as was the threat of the U-boat in 1917.

High Seas Raider

There is a third method of destruction in use by the enemy—the raider on the high seas, either a disguised merchant ship or a solitary man-of-war of more formidable strength.

The threat of the raider, however, is not on the level of that of the U-boat or the aircraft. If he acts so as to do a substantial amount of destruction of shipping his career is certain to be short, for he will soon be located and destroyed by superior force.

If, on the other hand, he seeks to prolong his survival by evading the defenders, he will do little execution. The Admiral Graf Spee preferred the second alternative, with the result that her bag was no more than nine ships in three months. Other raiders seem to have acted, and to be acting, on the same principle; that menace should soon be well in hand.

Actual Figures

Finally, a glance at the actual figures of sinkings shows the matter in true perspective. In April, 1917, the peak month of the last war, Germany succeeded in sinking very nearly 900,000 tons of shipping, of which some 550,000 was British. From that peak the losses were brought steadily down, and by the end of 1917 they were about 400,000 tons per month of which nearly 300,000 were British.

In the present war, losses of merchant shipping were brought down to a very low figure in March last, in which month the whole of the German Navy appears to have been engaged in preparation for the Norwegian campaign of April.

Since then, owing to the causes already noted, they have steadily mounted, but they have only now reached about the level to which they were brought down by the end of 1917. That level, as Mr Greenwood said, is far higher than it should be; but the position, as he went on to explain, is not one of imminent danger.



NIPS PLOT—A plot to overthrow the regime of King Ibn Saud, above, of Saudi Arabia was reported recently with arrest of six persons, one of whom has been executed. They planned to kill the King.

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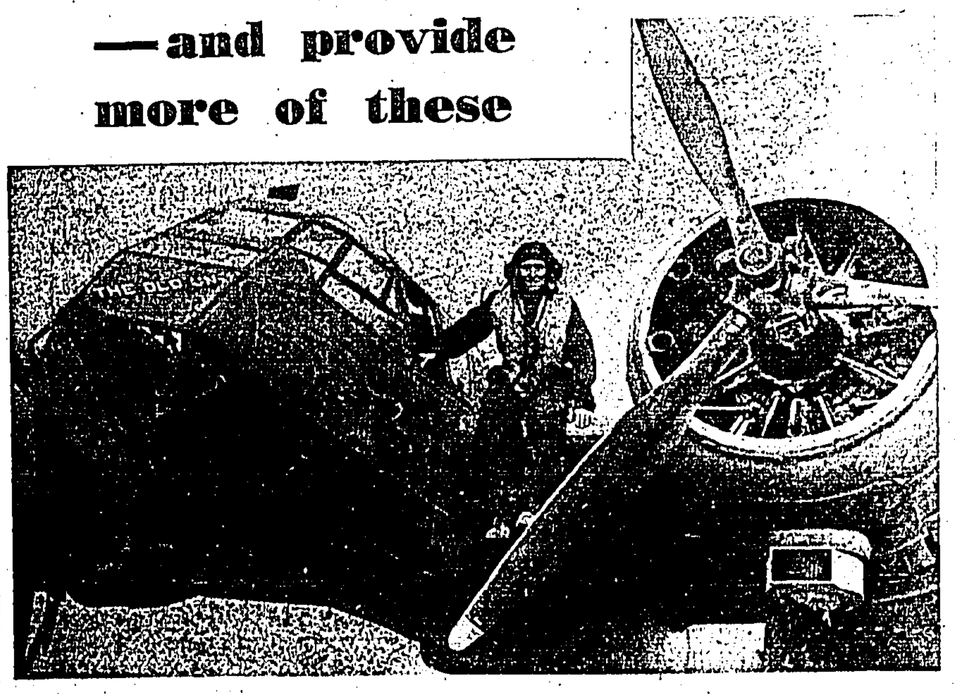
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It is notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, February 28, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

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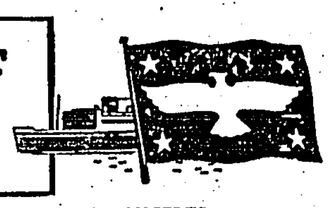
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Hitler Continues His Boastings

FROM PAGE ONE

Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia, Finland and Switzerland. Many Reich Ministers and Gauleiters were present in the Munich Beer Cellar.

"I have studied the Versailles Treaty as no other man did," exclaimed Hitler. "I have not forgotten it even to-day."

Not Fleecing Others

Exclaiming that Germany was not fleecing others but was following a form of economy which was of use to Germany, Hitler said: "States cannot be built on capitalism. Those who think that they can prevent the rising of the people by waging war will find that they have only speeded it up. It will not be the gold standard which will emerge from this war."

Hitler finished speaking after an hour and a half at 5.45 p.m.

Paying a special tribute to women Nazis who "have always stuck to me even in bad times," Hitler said that Nazi methods were unattractive to many but "I was a soldier from the front where I got used to a rough time."

After speaking for 45 minutes, Hitler's historical review had reached the year 1923.

Relations With Mussolini

Referring to his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "When I have chosen a man, I stick to him. The bond which unites our revolutions is insoluble, and it is the same with two men. If there is a time when one of them is better off and the other worse off, the former will help the latter because it is the common enemy that we are going to defeat."

"Numerous warships are tied up in the Mediterranean. Numerous British planes are tied up in North Africa. Numerous British land forces are also tied up and it is only now that our sea warfare will start. We have been waiting for our new U-boats.

"Two hours ago I received reports that German surface warships and U-boats had sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in two days, but in March and April a naval warfare will start such as the enemy has never expected.

"Wherever Britain touches the Continent we shall face her. Wherever British ships cruise, our U-boats will be sent against them until the hour of decision arrives.

"I have learned to wait but have not been idle during that time. Last autumn, the British said, 'If he tried to land now, it doesn't matter. In the spring of 1941, Britain will win her victories on the Continent.' Well, they have transferred their victories elsewhere and we have had to run after them, but we shall find them wherever they go and strike at them where our blows will be most destructive.

Hitler Gets Fresh

"The German nation and Army, Party and state, are indissoluble. Only a few fools could ever think of a revolution in Germany. I have taken many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious. I am grateful to fate that if this struggle was necessary it has come during my lifetime and while I am still feeling fresh and vigorous. I am feeling more fresh than ever now, for spring is coming and the time when we can measure our strength again. We have miraculous victories behind us. I am convinced that providence will bestow its blessings on us in future, to which I look with fanatic confidence."

Fantastic Claim

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Hitler's claim to have sunk over 200,000 tons of shipping is described by authoritative quarters here as fantastic and as far removed from the truth as such German announcements have usually proved to be.

It is recalled that the Germans claimed to have sunk the whole Jervis Bay convoy of 80,000 tons but in fact 33 out of the 38 ships came safely to port.

British Planes Beat Nazi Bombers

FROM PAGE ONE

ing down out of the sky as dusk fell, but though favoured by the falling light, the attack never materialised.

This was the last trouble from sky-raiders and the fleet, proceeding on its scheduled course, endeavoured to locate the Italian fleet. Our pursuit of the enemy brought us close to the Italian coast: all guns, from 15-inchers down to the deadly network of pom-poms, swung broadside ready for action, but there was no sign of life from Il Duce's sailors—the British freedom of action in the Mediterranean remains as great as ever.

German Claim

BERLIN, Feb. 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that a British auxiliary cruiser was included in the convoy of 125,000 tons destroyed yesterday. The report says that "after numerous stubborn attacks," the vessels were sunk.

It claimed the recent grand total is 217,300 tons of which 190,300 tons were sunk by U-boats.

Rome Communique

ROME, Feb. 24 (UP).—To-day's communique states: "A German air detachment attacked a British naval formation in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting a large unit of undetermined type, which probably sank.

Isolationists And Lease, Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The well-known Isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, told pressmen to-day that if the Lease and Lend Bill was passed, its opponents would conduct a coast to coast campaign in an effort to keep the United States out of war.



BRITAIN'S AIR CHIEF—Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, left, who will confer with the U.S. Government on supplies for Britain. He is seen greeted by Air Commodore Edwards on arrival in Ottawa.

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Yugo-Slavs Demonstrate

Cheer British Royalty

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Police emptied a cinema house here following a pro-British demonstration during showing of a news reel in which the British King and Queen appeared.

This action was taken after three official warnings had been given without effect and repeated attempts by the management to restrain the audience had also failed.

The showing of the news reel concerned has now been banned.

It Means War, The Isolationists Cry

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We will speak all day and all night if necessary," he declared.

He asserted that after the bill has been passed, he and other isolationists plan a nationwide campaign to keep the President from exercising the powers which can plunge the United States into war.

Tantamount To War Declaration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator D. Worth Clark, admitting that the Lend and Lease Bill will pass, charged that "within the next week or so," the Senate will make a declaration of war but "we will call it the Lend and Lease Bill."

The Senator denied that Britain is fighting America's fight, and said he admired that English type of patriotism, but he reserved the right to warn Americans against being dragged into England's war.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

FROM PAGE ONE

positions in the area of the Skumbi Valley, El Bassan, Ilin and Pogradetz from 3 a.m. to-day.

Italian troops in this area have been reinforced during the past week.

Further south in the Devoll and Voyusha Valleys, artillery was heavily engaged to-day.

Several local actions were reported in which Italian infantry attack were repulsed with heavy losses.

In the Ostravitza Mountains, the Greeks captured an important height dominating the Italians' advanced positions.

Minister Sees Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Greek Minister had an interview with Mr Winston Churchill to-day.

U.S. EVACUATION OF THAILAND

Plans Going Ahead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is understood that the United States Minister, Mr Hugh Grant, informed the Foreign Office of the American evacuation plans at this morning's conference.

Mr Grant said that the action is being taken due to the continuance of abnormal and uncertain conditions in the Far East. He emphasized that his circular was not an order or a warning, but advisory only, and similar to the advice given American nationals in Japan, China and Indo-China.

He asserted: "It is not desired to cause any alarm or any unnecessary inconvenience to American citizens who will reach their own decisions in the matter.

There are approximately 150 Americans in Thailand at present.

Nazi Sinking Claim Being Investigated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The German claim to have sunk a steamer called Canadian Cruiser is being investigated, Mr Sumner Welles (U.S. Under-Secretary of State) stated to-day.

The steamer was said to be flying the United States flag and carrying United States markings.

Willkie Asked To Visit Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Australian Government have officially invited Mr Wendell Willkie to visit Australia, announced the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Fadden, to-day.

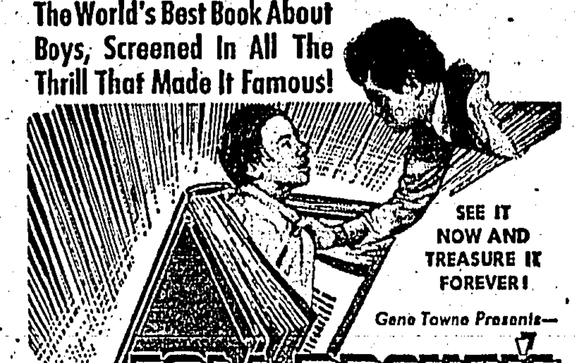
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Friml's Chinese Opera Ready

China, to composer Rudolf Friml, is Chinese music and little else.

Friml, who recently returned to Hollywood from a two-year stay in Hongkong, says he knows little of politics or the war situation in the Far East, having devoted himself to studying the native music.

He also composed a new operetta, "Sing Song Girl."

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Special to the "Telegraph"

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The message, received in Hongkong this morning was sent from the warship via Alexandria at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

It reveals that Fleet Air Arm fighters, taking off from an aircraft-carrier, broke up two attempts by German dive-bombers to smash a British supply convoy which was being escorted by units of the fleet.

One Heinkel was shot down and a second severely damaged.

In the course of the voyage, which lasted several days, the skies were alive with aircraft, but they were mostly British bombers and fighters, and not a single Italian machine was sighted.

Four-Day Operation

(BY "REUTER'S" CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET)

Feb. 24.—While some units of the fleet continue to maintain communicationns along the Libyan coast, the main battle fleet, in a four-day operation in the Central Mediterranean, beat off German dive-bombers and successfully covered the passage of convoys.

Making a determined effort to break up and sink a British convoy under the powerful protection of British warships, dive-bombers operating from Italian bases attacked the fleet near the scene of the former unsuccessful attack against the aircraft carrier, Illustrious.

The British ships were undamaged and the German planes were driven off with losses.

To-day the Italian High Command claims that a German air formation atacked a British naval squadron in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting one big but unidentified warship so seriously that she probably sank. There was no confirmation in London of this claim.

This time the Germans had as target another aircraft carrier, but, probably still smarting from the heavy toll exacted by fighters from the Illustrious in the earlier attack, the enemy planes confined themselves to dropping bombs at other units of the fleet.

In addition to escorting a number of fast merchantmen safely, the warships carried out a prolonged sweep, according to plan and undeterred by either dive-bombers or the Italian fleet, of which there was still no sign.

Fighter Take Off

All day enemy shadowing planes tried to keep track of the fleet movements but they quickly disappeared when fighters took off from the aircraft carrier.

Fighters overtook a formation of Heinkel bombers, which were taken completely unawares. Diving suddenly on two enemy planes, they drove them almost into the sea. The bombers unloaded their bombs in the ocean in order to increase speed and elude the pursuers, but unavailingly and one German plane burst into flames and dived to its fate.

The second staggered off crippled as the British fighters came to the end of their ammunition.

Wary Approach

Enemy planes made a second wary appearance in stronger forces, sweep-

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MATSUOKA TO VISIT MOSCOW & BERLIN

May Alter Pacific Situation

By JOHN R. MORRIS

Special to the "Telegraph".

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—Well informed quarters in Shanghai understand that Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is planning to visit Moscow and Berlin in March.

His departure will necessarily be postponed until the Indo-China-Thai peace conference in Tokyo has been concluded.

Moreover, Tokyo circles which depreciate the emphasis on the Axis relationships, are reported to doubt the advisability of the trip.

However, the consensus of opinion among the best informed circles here declare that Mr Matsuoka considers an improvement in Russo-Japanese relations so important that he is more likely to go than not.

Non-Aggression Pact?

It is believed that Matsuoka's tentative plans indicate that in his opinion his personal visit is necessary to conclude a non-aggression pact with Moscow which is satisfactory to Japan.

Mr Takekawa's negotiations are believed to have fallen short of that objective.

In view of the recent international perturbation regarding the possibility of a sudden Japanese southward thrust, observers point out that Mr Matsuoka is hardly able to plan a European tour if such an important development were impending.

On the other hand, diplomatic circles consider that if his tour is successful, it would remove one of the most important considerations at present restraining the southward push.

Darlan Forms A Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 24 (UP).—The French political crisis took a new turn to-night.

At 9 o'clock it was officially announced that Admiral Darlan had formed a new Cabinet.

No indication was given as to the composition of the new Cabinet.

Earlier in the day it was reported that Admiral Darlan had had a lengthy conference during the afternoon regarding the Far East crisis, with special reference to Indo-China and Thailand.

A.R.P. Strides In Britain

Duty On Crown Works

LONDON, Feb. 24 (British Wireless).—The Minister of Labour and National Service has made an order under which the Chief Inspector of Factories can require any contractor undertaking Crown building operations to make arrangements for the employment of officers for the supervision of the safety of persons employed and to provide, in the immediate vicinity, suitable canteen facilities for hot meals.

Service for society was urged upon his audience by General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, at a dinner given last night at the Windsor Cafe by Dr C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, in honour of the captains of the various teams for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. membership campaign.

NEW ZEALAND

Luxuries Must Go

LONDON, Feb. 24 (British Wireless).—Emphasising in an interview that every individual must help in the war effort, Mr Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said that the British Government's policy asks consumers to do without some of the things which have come to be regarded as near necessities.

In New Zealand, our standards are even higher. If we are determined to play a full part in winning the war, we can afford to make relatively greater sacrifices.

Capetown Minefield

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Navy Department has warned mariners that a minefield has probably been laid down north of Capetown.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

R.A.F. Back Greek Operations

ATHENS, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Supporting the Greek operations, the R.A.F. successfully bombed Dukazi, north-west of Tepelini during Sunday, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece.

Buildings were hit as well as enemy positions to the south, while bombs were seen to burst on anti-aircraft batteries.

Local Engagements

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Greek operations against the Italians in Albania have been restricted owing to heavy rain and thick mists, stated the Athens radio to-night.

The recently captured large mountain ranges, ridges and areas have been systematically cleaned up with the result that more prisoners rave been captured and more automatic weapons and good quantities of tents and blankets have been taken.

Successful patrol activity is also reported.

Two enemy tanks were destryed in a local engagement where the enemy was completely routed.

Three Italian planes were shot down and two others were severely hit.

Enemy Reinforced

("REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 24.—British aircraft have been continuously bombing Italian

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No U.S. Planes For Indo-China

Washington Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP)—The United States has no intention of contributing warplanes for the defence of French Indo-China according to well informed circles.

Commenting on the reports that the French had asked Ambassador Leahy to transmit a request to Washington for American planes to strengthen the Indo-China defences, informed circles noted that 100 American planes "are rotting on the beaches" at Martinique.

Locally it is understood that Germany denied the Vichy Government permission to transfer these planes to other French holdings. Government circles interpreted the German position as being concrete evidence that Berlin will do nothing to strengthen Indo-China against Japan.

Tension Has Relaxed In Far East

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—After a 50-minute conversation with Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Mr Richard Casey, the Australian Minister, said that the situation in the Far East had possibly relaxed slightly during the last four or five days, but was basicly unchanged.

Asked what caused his observation about relaxation, Mr Casey said that no facts had particularly changed but one sensed a slight relaxation in the tension.

It Means War, Scream The Isolationists

Lend and Lease Bill Opposed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator Robert La Follette to-day charged that the Lend and Lease Bill would give President Roosevelt a "green light for war" and permit him to "strip the military and naval defences of the United States to support quixotic adventures overseas."

This bill means war," he declared.

Senator Burton Wheeler threatened a filibuster against the Bill if the Administration seeks to speed its passage with night sessions, "in an effort to put pressure on us."

He said the haste of the Administration was prompted by the realization that the "people back home are waking up to the fact that this is not an aid to Britain bill, nor a bill to strengthen our defences.

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To-day's Race Meeting

Following procedure established during the present annual race meeting, the "Telegraph" to-day will continue to publish results and cash sweep numbers in its editions to-day, while shortly after 6 o'clock a special racing edition will be on the streets containing complete results of the day's programme, together with all the cash sweep winners.

TO-DAY'S RACING

BRUTUS PAYS BIG DIVIDEND

Mr Treverton Wins Ladies' Purse

A cold wind swept the Valley racecourse this morning and skies were threatening rain when the fourth day's programme of the annual racing carnival opened.

The track appeared still to be on the soft side and the going promised to be slow.

Seventeen ponies faced the starter in the first event at 11.30—the Blue Mountains Plate, the field including several prominent ponies such as Daylight, Endeavour, Fresh Air and Archber.

C. B. Moller brought home Endeavour to win by a length and a half in 1.49, with Mainsail running second, and A Surprising Time, third four lengths away.

Big Dividends

The Ladies Purse this morning produced not only a keen race, but an upset, when the favourite, Piccadilly Jim was left nowhere, and Mr Treverton rode home his own horse Brutus to pay backers $64.70, while Connieber, finishing third, returned a place dividend of $94.20.

After the race, which Brutus won by three lengths from Springhurst, Miss Joan Smalley presented the Ladies'-Purse-to-Mr-Treverton, who, in accordance with time-honoured custom, accompanied Miss Smalley to luncheon.

Rain descended before tiffin to make conditions unpleasant for a while, but the skies cleared soon afterwards, although the conditions were raw and uninviting.

The attendance was affected, only a small crowd being in the enclosures this morning, while there was merely a handful of people inside the Valley.

Results:

1.—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE.—(First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. 1 mile.
202 MRS CHUONG'S Endeavour 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 1
209 SAILBAD THE SINNER'S Mainsail 152 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 2
197 TOOTS' A Surprising Time 152 lb. (D. Black) 3
17 starters.
Won by length and half; four lengths.
Time.—1.46.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $6.20. Places $5.10; $0; $5.40.

2.—GRAND STAND STAKES. — For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. 6 furlongs.
219 MARNER'S. Palber 152 lb. (L. B. Choo) 1
220 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 149 lb. (D. Black) 2
221 KONG BROS' Wonderful Scheme 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 3
9 starters.
Won by a length; the same.
Time.—1.26.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $8. Places $5.20; $3.50; $5.80.

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CASH SWEEP RESULTS

RACE 1
No. 1776 $1,647.10
" 3142 470.60
" 1845 235.30
Unplaced ponies ($50 each) Nos. 1883, 606, 1743, 2252, 1955, 2320, 2812, 304, 1519, 1231, 2184, 296, 2267, 1410.

RACE 2
No. 318 $2,026.50
" 541 579.00
" 2003 289.50
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 2200, 4278, 3311, 952, 2924, 1303.

RACE 3
No. 412 $2,178.00
" 3123 607.40
" 3022 303.70
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 3510, 3872, 1788, 1104, 4400, 3963.

RACE 4
No. 4032 $2,018.30
No. 2775 575.60
No. 3529 287.90
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1126, 255, 2852, 4281, 1913, 2919, 4, 4297, 3255, 2377, 3636, 691.

RACE 5
No. 1040 $2,284.70
No. 454 644.20
No. 3021 322.10
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 4750, 5035, 4275, 2454, 1900, 4807, 4715, 1007.

Matsuoka Calls On White Races To Cede Oceania To The Asiatics

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to-day called on the white races to cede Oceania to the Asiatics.

He declared: "It has always been a pet theory that Oceania must be made a place to which the Asiatics can migrate.

"We believe we have a natural right to migrate there.

"We believe that the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics."

Mr Matsuoka said that the Asiatics had the resources and the support of 600 million people in this quest.

Experts' Views

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Officials of the State Department declined to comment on Mr Matsuoka's suggestion.

However geographical experts evalued Mr Matsuoka's claim as including the possessions of France, Britain, the United States, Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti and New Zealand.

The Hawaiian Delegate, Mr Samuel King, a highly qualified expert on the Pacific geography and anthropology told the "United Press":

"Mr Matsuoka took in more territory than he knew. His obvious misconception of what constitutes Oceania has made his statement truly ridiculous."

The expert added that all anthropological as well as geographical definitions of Oceania included Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia, and occasionally they included also Malaysia.

He said that Polynesia, which included the Hawaiian group as well as the Phoenix group were also considered part of the Oceania, hence Mr Matsuoka inferentially suggested that the white races withdraw from Hawaii.

"Hawaii, which is 2,000 miles from the United States is bound to the western world by ties of trade, culture and tradition for 50 years. Hawaii is irrevocably part of the United States and far beyond any possible sphere of Japanese interest," declared the expert.

Reply To U.S. Move?

Other well informed experts pointed out that Mr Matsuoka's pretensions extend far beyond the 118th meridian which was once considered the dividing line between the respective spheres in naval expansion.

Some observers suggested that Mr Matsuoka's statement might be designed to constitute a reply to the United States' fortification of Guam and Samoa.

It is explained that Oceania consists basically of the Polynesians which includes, in addition to Hawaii and Samoa, also New Zealand, Marquesas, Tonga, Tahiti, Tuamotos, Cook and Tubai Islands, which consist mainly of Aryan stock which has migrated from India, Micronesia, which includes the Caroline, Marianna, Marshall, Gilbert, Tokelau and Ellice Island; Melanesia, which consists of Papau, New Guinea, New Caledonia, and the Fiji Islands.

Experts declared that none of these groups were properly included in the East Indies or Philippines of Malayan stock.

Experts noted that sometimes Oceania included Malaysia and Australia, and that Mr Matsuoka, from the context of his remarks, intended to include these lands and areas. Thus his aspiration extended the entire Pacific range from Hawaii to Australia.

SOVIET WARNING

Balkans Must Not Fight Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Soviets have intimated to all Balkan Governments that they must not interfere in Balkan events in any way which would cause armed conflict with Germany.

It is understood that there have been no demarches, written notes or official audiences requested but that the Balkan authorities were given to understand the Russian viewpoint through normal diplomatic channels.

LATEST

6—ADELAIDE HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "D" Class. 1 mile.
263 G. TINSON'S Longdon 135 lb. (F. Noodt) 1
260 ELLANDEE'S Roolify 159 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
257 I.M.M.F.'S A Good Time 135 lb. (H. S. Chang) 3
13 starters.
Won by five lengths; two lengths.
Time.—1.52.2.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $12.30. Places $7.10; $8.00; $13.30.

RACE 6
No. 360 $2,532.60
" 3025 723.60
" 3476 361.80
Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1755, 4964, 4557, 5427, 3554, 698, 4549, 1893, 1754, 4060.

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Amazing Gang Organisation To Send Letters From Colony

The operations of a gang alleged to specialise in smuggling letters in and out of the Colony, were related to Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning when Mr B. C. W. Fitches of the General Post Office, assisted by Sub.-Inspector Fowlie, brought prosecutions.

They obtained convictions against Cheung Chung-kee, 42, master of the Hop Fat Cheong Import and Export Firm, No. 30 Queen's Street, second floor, Siu Kwing-kwan, 24, unemployed and Lam Tai, 36, married woman, on charges of possessing letters for conveyance into and out of the Colony otherwise than by post, at the above address on February 19, in violation of the Defence Regulations.

First and second defendants pleaded guilty, but third defendant denied the charges.

Mr Fitches said that information was received of the activities of the gang and they were watched. One day a member of the gang was seen boarding a steamer near the China Merchants Wharf. He was followed but later disappeared.

On February 19 witness visited the address at No. 30 Queen's Street, and found several letters, addressed to firms in the Colony. The letters were from Kwangchowwan. He also found a number of letters from firms in the Colony to various addresses

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Charity Tea Dance

The Charity Tea Dance, under the auspices of the National Women's Relief Association, held at the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room on Sunday, was one of the most brilliant events of the season.

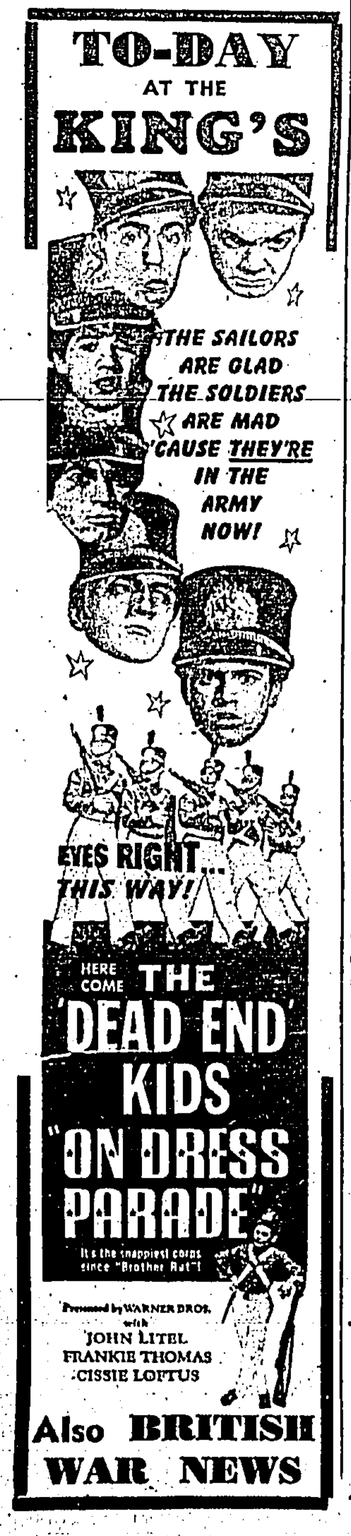
The Hula Dance of Miss Margaret Chen opened the programme of entertainments. It was followed by two Chinese Sword Dances. The fancy Tango, featured by Miss Laratesor and Mr Hugh Goldie, arranged by Mr G. Goncharoff drew much applause. The grand Fashion Parade consisted of twenty five girls displaying beautiful dresses of the four seasons. The material of the dresses were donated by The Wing On Co., the Sincere Co., the Sun Co., Kim Mun Lady Tailor, Mo Kee Co., and the Brook Co., designed by Mo Kee, Kim Mun and Mrs Charles Grey.

The Grill Room was packed and among the notables were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Madame Sun Fo, Madame C. C. Wu, Mr and Mrs Li Tze-fong, Mr and Mrs Chang Hing-hoi, Mr and Mrs Li Shu-pui, Mr and Mrs C. Y. Kwan, Mr and Mrs Lu Yeng-ming Mr and Mrs P. F. Fong, Mr Wong Hui-lai.

Dutch Contribute War Weapons

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Two more bombers were presented to the Royal Dutch Navy by the "Prince Bernhard Fund," which acts as a worldwide Dutch War Weapons Committee.

Altogether 64 Spitfires and 23 bombers have now been presented to the Dutch and British forces by Free Dutch all over the world.



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED

Mr. Percy Herbert Suckling has been appointed Managing Director of the above Company as from the 18th February, 1941.

J. SCOTT HARSTON,
Chairman.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.



KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

F. C. MOW FUNG,
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The Netherlands Minister to China Mr Hendrik Bos, who is normally stationed at Chungking, is now visiting Hongkong.

DORMAN SMITH FOR BURMA

Governor-designate

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Central News).—An informal send-off luncheon party in honour of Governor-Designate for Burma Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, was given to-day by Mr Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, at the Chinese Embassy here.

Other guests invited included Mr Cecil Rogers of the Bank of England and also member of the Anglo-Chinese Equalisation Fund Committee, who has recently arrived from China; Mr Sterndale Bennett of the Far Eastern Department of the British Foreign Office, Dr P. W. Kuo, Chinese Vice-Minister of Finance, Mr Chen Wei-cheng, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in London, Mr Tan Pao-shen, Chinese Consul-General in London, and Mr Lee Teh-yeh, Manager of the London Office of the Bank of China.

Sir Reginald is leaving shortly for Burma to assume his office.

South China Fighting

Attack On Tamshui

WAICHOW, Feb. 24 (Central News)—A sudden attack was made by Chinese troops again Tamshui on the night of February . . The Chinese broke through the Japanese lines and killed many and destroyed Japanese defence works.

Early in the morning a Japanese unit from Tamshui made another attempt to re-take Lungkong, about 15 miles north of Shumchun. After encountering stiff resistance, it retreated with casualties to Wongkong, six miles to the east of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Another Japanese unit from Tamshui simultaneously made an attack at Sunhu, a nearby village, to forage food. It was waylaid and driven back.

Chinese troops are reported to have evacuated Nanjih Island off the southern Fukien coast after severe fighting.

No Evacuation Of Oilfields

Bucharest Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is officially denied that civilians in the Rumanian oil fields will be evacuated.

An official communique issued in Bucharest reads: "The Council of Ministers has been informed that in the oilfield region there exists the greatest uneasiness among the inhabitants owing to reports that the population will be evacuated as a precaution against possible attacks by British bombers. The report is hereby categorically denied."

It is announced that the railway services will return to normal next Wednesday. It is recalled the train schedules were altered when the German troops began arriving.

MENZIES SEES CHURCHILL

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, saw Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, during the week-end and had a lengthy conversation on matters bearing on his visit to Britain.

On Monday afternoon he had a talk with the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne.

Attending War Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will attend meetings of the War Cabinet during his visit to England, it was officially announced to-day.

Cargoes Refused To Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NOUMEA, Feb. 24 (UP).—Authorities to-day refused iron ore cargoes for two Japanese vessels which have been anchored at Noumea for nine days. Officials said that Japan's quarterly allotment of 24,000 tons had already been exceeded.

THE TURNING POINT IN CONVALESCENCE

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T.T. Bangkok	149½
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30 d/s India	84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03½

PRESS GANG IN SHANGHAI

Chinese Kidnapped For Military Service

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—A virtual reign of terror now prevails in the Yangtszepoo district in Shanghai as a result of the activities of the Japanese press gang in conscripting Chinese residents for military service, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

As many persons are reported to have been kidnapped, most of the Chinese inhabitants there are now confining themselves indoors and dare not venture out lest they be seen and spirited away by the Japanese. It is reported that among those already conscripted by the Japanese are included some Chinese in the employment of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Atrocity Story

ENSHIH, Feb. 23 (Central News).—A story alleging revolting and beastly behaviour by a party of Japanese soldiers in a village in Central Hupeh, just recieved here, has aroused the greatest indignation among the people.

On January 30, according to report, a party of some ten Japanese cavalrymen and about 50 infantrymen raided Changchiachang village near Tienmen. After plundering the shops, they set on a wild rampage criminally assaulting many Chinese women in the nearby villages.

A peasant named Wu Chiang-kwan, aged 70, was arrested by the Japanese and ordered to carry the loot for them. The old man indignantly demurred and came into a fistic fight with his captors, and was instantly killed.

On the same day, another party of Japanese at Taihwangwan went to Wangchiacheng village and embarked on a similarly foul mission.

LUFTWAFFE ON THE MOVE

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Large reinforcements of the Luftwaffe have left Austria for Rumania and Italy in the past few days, according to reliable reports received here.

Units of the ground staff have also been going to Italy.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Greta Keller (Vocal) and Billy Thorburn and His Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Concerto in A Major.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Sibelius.

Karelia Suite, Op. 11; Alla Marcia—Intermezzo....London Philharmonic Orchestra; Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides," Op. 73....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult; Sliekan Kom Ifran Sin Asklings Mote...Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano acc.; Finlandia—Tone Poem, Op. 26, No. 7....Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'.

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 'Band Waggon'.

With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

8.25 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.35 Film Selections.

'Everybody Sing'—Film Selection.. Louis Levy and His Orchestra; Stars Over Broadway—Selection; Rise and Shine—Selection Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band; 'Thanks for the Memory'—Two Sleepy People; 'Big Broadcast of 1938'—New Thanks for the Memory Bob Hope and Shirley Ross (Vocal); 'Everything in Rhythm'—Selection.....Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—'Question of the Hour'.

9.30 Elgar—Frossart Overture, Op. 19.

("When Chivalry lifted up her lance on high"—Keats)....London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

9.43 Cesar-Franck—Prelude, Chorale and Fugue.

Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 Brahms—Quintet in B Minor. Op. 115.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Andantino-Presto non assai, ma con sentimento; 4th Mov: Con moto—Un poco meno mosso....Busch Quartet and Reginald Kell (Clarinet).

10.50 Brahms Gypsy Songs.

The Madrigal Singers.

11.00 Close Down.

Willkie Asked To Visit Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Australian Government have officially invited Mr Wendell Willkie to visit Australia, announced the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Fadden, to-day.

Seven-a-side Rugby Games To-morrow

The following are the Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament fixtures for to-morrow on the Club ground:

4.50 p.m.—8th Heavy "A" v. Combd Small Units "A". Referee, J. S. Riddell.

5.10 p.m.—Police "A" v. B & S. Referee, Lt Piric.

5.30 p.m.—M'sex "B" v. Club "B". Referee, J. Redman.

5.50 p.m.—H.K. Bank v. Tamar and S/S. Referee, Major Curran.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday says:

The Races were resumed to-day and as a result the market is very quiet.

Buyers

Canton Ins. $215
Union Ins. $411
Lands 4% Debentures $97.50
Lights "O" $6.10

Sellers

Hotels $3.60
Humphreys $7.05

Sales

H.K. Govt 3½% Loan (1934) '05
Lights "O" $6.25
Electrics "O" $41.75
Telephones "N" $9.00

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Acknowledgments

A total of $1,564,670.93 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

Miss Marion Potter (seventh donation)	$100
Mr D. E. Davis (In memory of Dick Slattery)	10
A. & H. M.	1
Hongkong Aquarium Society (In memory of the late Mr R. E. Slattery)	10
Mr and Mrs D. E. Sugars (In memory of the late Mr R. E. Slattery)	10
Hongkong Electric Recreation Club	250
"Unexpected Win"	68.50

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Chinese Sympathy

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LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Forwarding £64 to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund from members of their Chinese staff in China, a London business firm wrote: "We feel that this proof of sympathy with the British cause is viewed at the other end of the world as a worthwhile dividend on the generous help given by the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund a couple of years ago to China."

Antiguans Contribute

LONDON, Feb. 24 (British Wireless).—The people of Antigua have given £500 for the purchase of aircraft, making total gifts of £1,660.

Man Blows Himself Up With Dynamite

A man committed suicide in an hotel at Buffalo recently by blowing himself to pieces with dynamite.

He was William Wright, 40.

Police said that Wright had been told to move from the hotel because he had not paid his board.

He spent most of the night sitting in the lobby.

The explosion of the dynamite did not injure anyone else in the lobby.

Isolationists And Lease, Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The well-known Isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, told pressmen to-day that if the Lease and Lend Bill was passed, its opponents would conduct a coast to coast campaign in an effort to keep the United States out of war.

U. S. Submarines In Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (UP).—The National Broadcasting Company reported to-day that according to a B.B.C. announcement, 60 United States submarines have arrived in the Philippines.

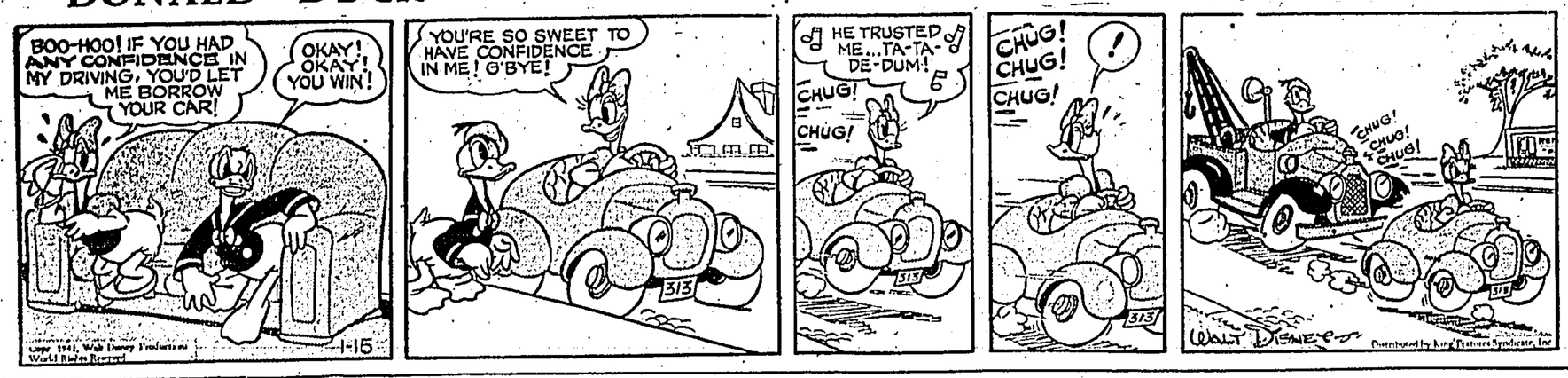
SENTENCED

Four Soviet industrial leaders have been sentenced to death on charges of alleged "damage to the State" amounting to £124,000. One of the condemned men was the head of the Kiev State Vodka factory, Galperin, who was described as the "leader of a gang of bandits." It was alleged that he and his confederates stole petrol and spirit from the factory by putting half-filled bottles of factory produce on the market and selling the remainder to private illegal dealers.

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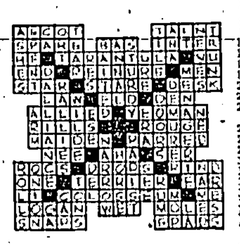
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Demonstrative pronoun
5—Tilted up
10—Specks
14—Mournful sound
15—Regular steamer
16—Bad
17—Medicinal plant
18—Got up
19—Unaspirated
20—Part again
22—Came to point
24—Among
25—Make lace
26—Physical
30—Commander
34—Image
35—Pound by scent
37—Hookfish
38—Sign of sodium
39—Companion
40—Twice (music)
41—Bewildered
43—Remainder
45—Eject
46—Did secretly
48—Adds water to
50—Confederate general
51—Permit
53—Be worthy of
56—Instrumental virtuoso
60—Priest
61—Trojan
63—Combining form: within
64—Boil
4—Pertaining to heat
5—Owner of famous lamp
6—Wheel rim
7—Daughter of Cadmus
8—Poor fear that
9—Acted as host
10—Eraser
11—Above
12—Prong
13—Snow vehicle
21—River island
23—Kitchen vessel
26—Bottom of window frame (pl.)
27—Greek theater
28—Large deer
29—Was equal to
30—Frozen
31—Answer argument
32—Fragrant seed
33—Endures
36—Salt
42—Special skills
43—Passing through holes
44—Coarse shirts
45—Externally
47—Greek soul
49—Meadow
52—Antic (col.)
53—Ireland
54—Faithful
54—Spirit
59—Agreement
57—It
58—Hold back
59—Buddhist shrine
62—Girl's name
65—Girl's name
66—Pace
67—Individuals
68—Stinging insect
69—A few

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Russian ruler
2—Helium
3—Excited

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The Dutch East Indies has lately come very much before the public eye. Although the islands have become modern in many respects, certain native customs still hold sway. . . .

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Balinese Idea Of A Toothless Heaven

In this article, John Raleigh, who is on a visit to the Indies as representative for United Press, describes a strange and little-known Balinese ritual. . . .

If you dislike the dentist's drill, imagine the sensation of having your teeth filed half down to the gums!

The ordeal is one that is faced several times during the life of a Balinese. The people of Bali embrace the Hindu religion, and believe that filing away half their teeth enables them to become highly acceptable when entering heaven.

The rites are also undergone in the belief that levelled teeth, though partially destroyed, will equip a pious Hindu to eat the soft foods of Paradise.

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Because their bicuspids are no longer uneven when they die, the only foods that will be served to them upstairs will be practically mush which, to the Balinese mind, means the pap of celestial luxury.

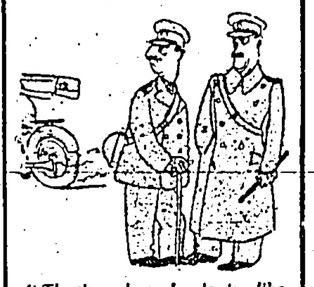
Stoicism and self control govern the victims while a "filer", who goes from village to village, saws merrily away.

The girl relations of a local rajah went under the file calmly at a big filing ceremony recently near Denpasar. Their fortitude was remarkable through the operations, though no pain-killing drug was administered before, or during, the filing.

Preceded by the incantations of a high priest, the girls laid down on their backs and "took it" without a whimper. The only signs that they felt pain were muscle twitches and a swelling of the neck.

Though they clasped their hands in front of them no white knuckles showed, nor were finger nails dug into their palms. They were dressed in head-dresses of gold leaves and robes covered with sparkling gems.

POCKET CARTOON



"That's what I don't like about all this mechanisation. Before you can give a man a good dressing down for not saluting he's miles away."

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The girls' ages ranged from twelve to fifteen. They seemed as elated when the filing was finished as any of us stepping from the dentist's chair with the welcome phrase of "that's all for a year or so" ringing happily in our ears.

Several times, while the filing went on, an old woman, the girls' nurse, who had no teeth at all, would examine the job and shake her head. Back went the little princesses, and more filing followed until the old woman was satisfied.

Those of the same caste as the rajah's relations sat and watched cheerfully, talking and laughing as the file's rasp sounded throughout the pavilion prepared for the occasion.

After a few years the nerveless teeth drop out, but heaven's door is all the more accessible for that. And toothless jaws do not bother a Baliness.

The setting of the royal filing would have pleased the critical eye of a Ziegfeld for colour and oriental grandeur.

The realism of a Belasco production was present as well.

The girls were borne to the pavilion on chairs carried by gaily-caprisoned young men and boys. The bearers' costumes were fancifully sewn with gold from the waist down. Upwards from the midriff, plain brown skin was topped by bright colour-splashed turbans. Spearmen went before the procession, while a native orchestra rattled, boomed, and chimed on its primitive instruments.

Watching the procession were old men and women who spat crimson betel nut juice regularly. Pigs, village mongrels and chickens intermingled under the feet of the marchers. Smells varied from incense to refuse.

The priest waited in the pavilion. He had gold ornaments interwoven with flower buds in his hair, and was draped in a white sarong.

His chanting was strangely familiar. In loud tones and long drawn out Hindu proverbs, he imitated a Grand Central train announcer to perfection.

Then he stepped aside, and beckoned to the filer, who thrust pieces of bamboo between molars, and went to work. The onlookers chattered while the file sung its angry refrain.

When the girls had lost half their front teeth, dentine, nerve and all, the feasting began. Native whiskey was served to the priests and a visiting rajah, who wore his best bib and tucker—a dirty white shirt, bilious green necktie, sarong and sandals.

The orchestra redoubled its efforts and dances followed. Betel nut juice stained the dirt everywhere, and a bang-up celebration concluded the show.

The girls expressed their gratitude to one and all that heaven was a step nearer.

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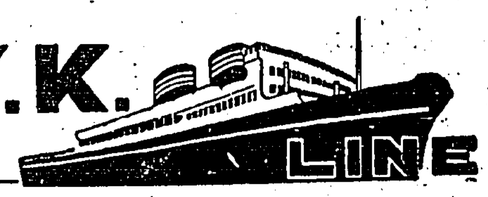
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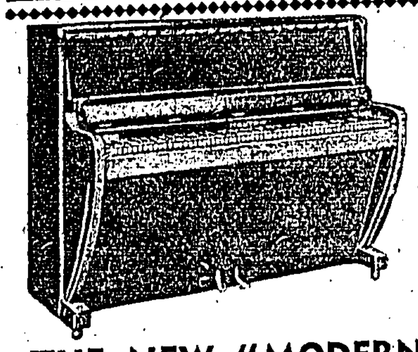
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"BOTTLED" AURORAE

WITH increased emphasis now being placed on the possibility of airlane travel in the upper atmosphere, and with much research work being pointed in this direction, the exact reproduction of the aurora borealis in the laboratory of Professor Joseph Kaplan and Dr S. M. Ruben of the University of California assumes much more than mere academic importance.

Almost the only clues to conditions between 20 and 100 miles above the earth's surface are given in these displays of home-made "northern lights." The upper atmosphere acts like a giant neon tube whose gases (helium, nitrogen and oxygen, according to Dr Kaplan and Dr Ruben) are excited and give off light whenever a prolonged flash of "current" from a discharge of high voltage energy is sent earthward from the sun. Such energy is attracted earthward to the magnetic poles, but there is sufficient voltage spread through the nonpolar atmosphere to cause excitation of ionized atoms for a considerable distance toward the equator.

Strangely, the investigators found they had to go to high pressures in the laboratory to reproduce the low pressure auroral phenomena, and that the higher the pressure the better the reproduction. In fact, every so-called "forbidden" line or band in the spectrum of the aurora has now been produced in the laboratory; all were found in the auroral afterglow.

Not only will these studies aid physicists and meteorologists working on upper air problems, which can now be investigated in the laboratory, but the experiments will also aid the study of light from stars and the identification of characteristics which heretofore have been cut out or distorted by the earth's atmosphere.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

RACIAL POLICY

By BILLIKEN



The Valkyrie: "Bertha!.. Bertha, come here at once... that dog is not an Aryan!"

DISTRUST VERSUS DEFENCE

By Roscoe Drummond

The loan-lease bill presents no new issue. It is pretty breath-taking only because it presents an old issue so boldly and so bluntly. It startles because it comes right to the point where we are called upon to translate words into deeds.

The loan-lease bill is an enabling act. In every possible way the American people have shown that they are united in their intention to aid Britain and her Allies to win the war. The purpose of this pending legislation is to enable the United States to aid Britain and her Allies fully and speedily.

In all candour, this is not an act of charity or altruism. It is an act of self-defence. It rests upon the proposition that Britain's defeat of the Axis now with American aid is the best possible guarantee that the United States will not have to fight the Axis in the future with no aid whatsoever.

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It is evident that the loan-lease bill has majority support in the country and in Congress. Its central object—that of rendering powerful and if possible decisive aid to the democracies—is not under strong attack. Its central method—that of producing the armaments in American factories at American expense and loan-leasing them, mostly to Britain, is widely accepted.

> The aid to Britain legislation, and the lag in defence production, analysed by a noted Washington columnist whose views, as regularly published in the "Christian Science Monitor," are widely respected and discussed.

What, then, is the real issue that has to be resolved if America is to become the arsenal for democracy—an arsenal capable of arming the men and the morale of the free nations fighting to turn back the Axis assault on all freedom?

The truth of the matter is—and in large part it explains the grave lags in defence production itself—that there is a genuine hesitancy to trust the President with the vast industrial, financial and international powers necessary to make American aid to Britain soon enough, fast enough and strong enough.

President Roosevelt himself, at a press conference recently, recognised the concern which many feel at concentrating such authority in the hands of a Chief Executive already invested with greater powers than any predecessor. Mr Roosevelt made it as clear that he is not eager for the powers which flow to the White House under the loan-lease bill. He said that to meet effectively the threat of war they must be exercised by someone and inevitably they go to the President.

There is considerable room for modifications in the terms of the loan-lease law without limiting its objectives. A time limit can be placed upon the powers it bestows. The strategic experts of the Army and Navy could be required to certify that the material could be spared, although this is as much a matter of high policy as it is military policy. The bill doesn't need to empower the President to give away or as the term is, "otherwise dispose of" the armaments. Some restriction could also be placed upon the authority of the President to take sides in any and every war which might appear to grow out of the present conflict.

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The question is not whether this grant of power is ideal. The question is whether there is any practical alternative. Democracy must know when it must delegate its power as well as when to harbour it.

The loan-lease programme means, in a word, all aid to Britain short of manpower. That is the most significant decision which Congress and the American people can make with respect to the war. Because any policy is a risk of war, this is a risk of war. It means that the United States is resolved to accept the risk of aiding Britain vigorously and fully rather than run the risk of aiding Britain weakly and partially.

But there will be no vigorous aid to Britain until supplies begin to roll from the production lines faster than they are now.

Why does production still grievously lag at vital points, as the President plainly said in his message to Congress recently? Why has not industry veritably leaped to the task which the "terrible urgency" of the crisis demands? Why is the manufacture of aircraft 30 per cent below schedule and the manufacture of actual combat planes even below that?

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The frank answer is that both organised industry and organised labour are putting suspicion above co-operation and this suspicion affects their relations between each other and with the Administration.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected industrialists high in the defence councils, industry as a whole remains deeply distrustful of the Administration and is apprehensive that the President will be eager to use the emergency as a means of acquiring vast peace-time controls over private enterprise.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected labour leaders high in the defence councils, labour as a whole remains fearful that the pressure of the emergency will be used as a means of permanently breaking down the social legislation it has worked so hard to win. It is suspicious of management. It is uncertain about the Administration itself.

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A perhaps simpler way of putting this is to say that the United States cannot disunite itself behind a class struggle and at the same time unite itself behind defence. Until this question is resolved, the all-out effort to produce, produce and produce will not be made.

To put defence first does not mean that there are not grounds for suspicion and need for alertness. There are. But the urgent issue is this: Defence production will not rise at the rate the crisis requires unless industry and labour wholeheartedly join in, irrespective of immediate doubts and distrusts. Suspicions need not be erased, but they will have to be suspended until the main goal is reached.

There will be no future freedom for either private enterprise or for labour within the United States unless they both unite to preserve the greater freedom of the United States itself.

LONDON'S WOMEN CARRY ON

By Phyllis M. Lovell

London.

Life for the London housewife is made up at the present time of strenuous happenings. Upon her fall the responsibilities of keeping the home going, of shopping in haste between the shriek of warning sirens, of making skilled use of those foods which happen to be available when she sallies forth with her basket, of contriving to eliminate all kinds of waste and of saving all paper, bones and metals. She must see to the safety of her family by day, and she must make sure—so far as she is able—that her family sleeps as well as may be by night.

Going about during the day, one comes constantly in touch with women who, unaided by the excitement of direct action, are carrying the responsibilities of British home life. They are calmly courageous.

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I overtook a group of three working girls as they entered one of the parks. They were hatless, but meticulously neat. One of them was recounting the affairs of the previous night to the other two. I could catch only a part of the recit

"So there's no furniture now. At least, not much. A bed and two chairs, and them's rather messed up. But one can't grumble. Other folks—" The three passed out of earshot and I missed the rest.

A grandmother of my acquaintance, sleeping in an underground shelter the other night heard the sound of an incendiary bomb upon the roof of her building. Barefooted, and quite alone, she ran up the six stories to her front door, discovered the lighted bomb upon the floor of her sitting room, collected it in her coal shovel, threw it out into the garden and then successfully put out the fire it had started.

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By the same evening all was ship-shape once more. She had even gone to the lengths of repairing her ceiling. When neighbours recognised the fact that she had probably saved more than a dozen homes, she made light of it. "Any sensible person," she said, "would have done the same."

London's ordinary home women are doing great things. They are handling matters in the present emergency in a way which goes near to surprising themselves and certainly almost bewilders those who are privileged to look on.

Lawyers' Waste Paper

Records Problem

An interesting situation has arisen between the Ministry of Supply, which wants waste paper, the lawyers, who have a great deal of waste paper, and the British Records Association, which wants to have waste paper from lawyers' offices sorted by experts before it is pulped.

Cannot Be Persuaded

The lawyers themselves are alive to the danger that in any clear-out of their offices historical documents may be destroyed. The current issue of Law Notes says that an autograph letter of Warwick, the King-maker has been found recently.

A woman member of the Records Association complains that solicitors "cannot be persuaded" that it needs an expert to decide whether their old papers are of historical value or not.

One sees her point of view. But where, in war-time, with the Ministry of Supply waiting on the mat, does she expect to find the vast army of experts that would be necessary?

Library, Supreme Court

HITLER CONTINUES HIS BOASTINGS: TIRADE TO PARTY IN BEER CELLAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

MUNICH, Feb. 24 (UP).—"It makes no difference whether we meet the enemy in the North Sea or the Mediterranean; wherever British boats appear our submarines will be ready for them," boasted Hitler when addressing cheering Nazi partyites in the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, marking the 21st anniversary of the Nazi Party.

He declared that Democratic Germany had deserved the Versailles Treaty, despite the concessions promised them by the American President.

Hitler started his speech at 5.15 p.m. and finished at 6.32, in the course of which he lengthily reviewed the Party's history.

He said: "From the beginning the Party was only for the German people in their entirety."

Hitler averred that the present ties with Italy were indissoluble.

Referring to Nazi methods he declared: "We needed hard methods; we were tough because we had to be tough. We wanted to antagonise certain groups, especially the intellectuals, because this movement could only be built by the people with their sentiment, soul and heart."

Hitler's Boasts

He declared that armament production was the "proudest achievement of all time. I am an expert. I am a specialist in armaments. I know what steel and aluminium are good for."

Commenting on the outside hopes that the German morale will weaken, he said. "I suppose there may be a few fools here in Germany who think of revolution. They predict that winter will beat Germany. We are pretty well winterproof. We stood thousands of winters. Hunger may come before us." He asserted that he felt particularly physically fit.

After praising the armed forces, he declared "God's blessing for this struggle is sure. With fanatical confidence I look to the future."

"Trial of Strength"

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—In a tirade lasting an hour and a half, broadcast from the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, Hitler forecast that a "trial of strength" with Britain would come in the spring.

Threatening an immediate intensification of submarine warfare, he exclaimed: "New U-boats are now ready."

He revealed his intention to use the conquered peoples of Europe to increase German armaments when he declared: "I have used the power of the German nation for this purpose in good time. I am resolved to use Europe for the same purpose if necessary—in fact, I am doing so."

Sneering at Britain because she "had to look for victories" in the Middle East, he said: "We shall find them wherever they go and strike where our blows will be most destructive."

He affirmed that the ties between Germany and Italy are "indissoluble."

Versailles Again

The first part of Hitler's speech was, as customary, taken up with a review of the history of the Nazi movement and a denunciation of the Versailles Treaty.

"It is seldom that a politician can face the same audience 21 years after he first addressed it to repeat to them the same programme he presented on the day of the foundation of the Party," exclaimed the Fuehrer.

The speech was broadcast from all German stations and relayed to Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia, Finland and Switzerland. Many Reich Ministers and Gauleiters were present in the Munich Beer Cellar.

"I have studied the Versailles Treaty as no other man did," exclaimed Hitler. "I have not forgotten it even to-day."

Not Fleecing Others

Exclaiming that Germany was not fleecing others but was following a form of economy which was of use to Germany, Hitler said: "States cannot be built on capitalism. Those who think that they can prevent the rising of the people by waging war will find that they have only speeded it up. It will not be the gold standard which will emerge from this war."

Hitler finished speaking after an hour and a half at 5.45 p.m.

Paying a special tribute to women Nazis who "have always stuck to me even in bad times," Hitler said that Nazi methods were unattractive to many but "I was a soldier from the front where I got used to a rough time."

After speaking for 45 minutes, Hitler's historical review had reached the year 1923.

Relations With Mussolini

Referring to his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "When I have chosen a man, I stick to him. The bond which unites our revolutions is insoluble, and it is the same with two men. If there is a time when one of them is better off and the other worse off, the former will help the latter because it is the common enemy that we are going to defeat."

"Numerous warships are tied up in the Mediterranean. Numerous British planes are tied up in North Africa. Numerous British land forces are also tied up and it is only now that our sea warfare will start. We have been waiting for our new U-boats.

"Two hours ago I received reports that German surface warships and U-boats had sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in two days, but in March and April a naval warfare will start such as the enemy has never expected.

"Wherever Britain touches the Continent we shall face her. Wherever British ships cruise, our U-boats will be sent against them until the hour of decision arrives.

"I have learned to wait but have not been idle during that time. Last autumn, the British said, 'If he tried to land now, it doesn't matter. In the spring of 1941, Britain will win her victories on the Continent.' Well, they have transferred their victories elsewhere and we have had to run after them, but we shall find them wherever they go and strike at them where our blows will be most destructive.

Hitler Gets Fresh

"The German nation and Army, Party and state, are indissoluble. Only a few fools could ever think of a revolution in Germany. I have taken many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious. I am grateful to fate that if this struggle was necessary it has come during my lifetime and while I am still feeling fresh and vigorous. I am feeling more fresh than ever now, for spring is coming and the time when we can measure our strength again. We have miraculous victories behind us. I am convinced that providence will bestow its blessings on us in future, to which I look with fanatic confidence."

Fantastic Claim

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Hitler's claim to have sunk over 200,000 tons of shipping is described by authoritative quarters here as fantastic and as far removed from the truth as such German announcements have usually proved to be.

It is recalled that the Germans claimed to have sunk the whole Jervis Bay convoy of 86,000 tons but in fact 33 out of the 38 ships came safely to port.

Yugo-Slavs Demonstrate

Cheer British Royalty

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Police emptied a cinema house here following a pro-British demonstration during showing of a news reel in which the British King and Queen appeared.

This action was taken after three official warnings had been given without effect and repeated attempts by the management to restrain the audience had also failed.

The showing of the news reel concerned has now been banned.

Iceland Becomes A Fortress

British Troops In Occupation

(FROM "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 24.—In the nine months since British troops occupied this remote island, no time has been wasted in converting it into a fortress of the far north.

Permanent camps have been laid out, roads built and defences constructed. Britain has now consolidated her northern-most military outpost of Iceland, and British Army Headquarters here are confident that no attempt by Germany to oust the British would have the slightest chance of success.

The troops are cheerful and in excellent health, although having to contend with an erratic climate.

The food is good, mostly bought locally, and sickness has been remarkably low. English beer is now brewed for the British troops by an Icelandic firm.

Intensive training has been carried out, including a mock invasion. Training in mobile warfare is a special feature. Special Arctic equipment has been issued and skis have been supplied in large numbers. British soldiers have taken well to skiing.

Interest In Languages

Vocational training is popular and there is a tremendous interest in foreign languages. Many officers and men already speak the local tongue fluently.

Local leave is often used to tour the waterfalls, hot springs and other sights of Iceland, but no home leave has yet been granted except in a few cases for compassionate reasons. Relations between the High Command and the Icelandic Government are excellent.

U.S. Army Finances

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is asking for over $3,000,000,000 for the Army's emergency defence needs.

The actual sum requested is $3,812,000,000. It is additional appropriation for the balance of the current fiscal year and includes $292,000,000 to expedite the production of equipment and supplies and $888,000,000 for the Air Corps.

Defence Orders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has placed aluminium and machine-tool producers on a mandatory priority basis under the defence programme.

Under this order which expires on May 31, defence orders must be given priority and in consequence supplies of such articles as household pots and pans may be delayed for a few months.

This is the first time that such action has been taken under the powers which were recently provided.

Nazi Sinking Claim Being Investigated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The German claim to have sunk a steamer called Canadian Cruiser is being investigated, Mr Sumner Welles (U.S. Under-Secretary of State) stated to-day.

The steamer was said to be flying the United States flag and carrying United States markings.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN E. AFRICA

Air and Land Co-operation

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—British operations in Italy's East African possessions continue to advance on all fronts.

Italian troops holding positions in Eritrea have been dispersed by British forces advancing from the north and many prisoners were taken.

The advance towards the south continues. On the road to Gondar, in Northern Abyssinia, the advance of British elements is developing satisfactorily.

The R.A.F. has been very active in various African battle zones. In Eritrea, a South African squadron yesterday destroyed eight Italian pursuit planes on the ground and damaged several others at Makale in a machine-gun attack.

Attack From Air

ADEN, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Aerodrome buildings at Adit Bala were extensively damaged by the R.A.F. in a raid, according to an R.A.F. communique.

Transport in the Dessie-Alomata area was bombed and machine-gunned. Lorries were damaged and casualties to personnel were caused.

The R.A.F. aircraft met with opposition but all got back safely.

SUCCESSOR TO SAYRE

Mr Cromwell Favoured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Discussion of a successor to Mr Francis Sayre, High Commissioner to the Philippines, if he is recalled to Washington, pre-occupied members of the Insular Department to-day. Some informed quarters predicted that someone with the career of a diplomat is likely to be designated.

Mr James R. Cromwell was the most prominently mentioned both on account of his experience in the diplomatic service and his connections in the Pacific. It is recalled that he had a home at Honolulu and has been to the Philippines four times. Mr Cromwell is a close friend of President Roosevelt and was received at the White House recently.

Well Liked

Although Mr Cromwell returned from Canada under a cloud, he is well liked in diplomatic circles, is considered to be forthright and has much personal charm. He would be inclined to follow Mr Paul McNutt's tradition although he is less ambitious, colourful or dynamic than Mr McNutt.

Mr Cromwell is understood to have made some preliminary contacts in pursuance of the appointment.

Banishee's Mother Love Excuse

With his head swathed in bandages, Lau Tak-fai, 36, unemployed, stood before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning to answer a charge of escaping from Victoria Prison on February 20 while being held on a committal warrant for breach of deportation order.

Lau pleaded guilty and added that the knowledge of his mother starving outside prompted him to escape as he wanted to provide for her.

The Police said that at 3 a.m. on February 22, a man was seen in suspicious circumstances by the watchman at St John's Hall, Hongkong University. The watchman followed the man and in trying to arrest him a scuffle ensued in which the defendant received injuries to his head.

Later when the Police were informed, a Chinese detective recognised him as the banishee who had escaped while waiting trial at the Criminal Sessions for returning from banishment.

It was stated that Lau had eight previous convictions.

He was sentenced to three months hard labour.

Eden Meets Catroux

Free French Forces

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—As soon as he arrived here, Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, received General Georges Catroux, leader of the Free French in the Middle East, it is now revealed.

Mr Eden congratulated General Catroux on the part played by the Free-French forces in the defence of Egypt and against the Italians in Abyssinia and on the notable contribution which French soldiers, sailors and airmen were making in the fight against the common enemy.

Mr Fung Dies This Morning

Mr Fung Kwok-wa, compradore of the Green Island Cement Company, who was found on Sunday night in his bungalow at Customs Pass with his throat cut and suffering from lysol poisoning, died this morning at the Kowloon Hospital.

It is stated that Mr Fung's condition took a change for the worse at 1 o'clock this morning and he relapsed into unconsciousness from which he did not recover.

When servants broke into the locked bedroom of the Customs Pass bungalow they found Mrs Fung dead from chopper wounds and Mr Fung seriously wounded.

The funeral of Mrs Fung will take place this afternoon.

Churchill Receives Japanese

Fruitful Talks

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns from well-informed Japanese circles in London that the interview between the Japanese Ambassador and the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to-day was very fruitful and should greatly contribute to the dissipation of certain misunderstandings that have arisen between the two countries.

The Axis End

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 24 (Domei).—Mr Zenbei Horikiri, Japanese Ambassador to Italy, left here for Berlin to-day.

The Ambassador is expected to confer with Lieut-General Hiroshi Oshima, new Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, at Berlin to discuss the current situation.

No Proposals Made

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—No proposals have been made by Britain regarding any Japanese move to the south, it is learned in London to-day.

There have been various contacts between the Japanese Ambassador and Mr Anthony Eden, and in Tokyo between Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Japanese statesmen.

At these exchanges, the British view of the dangers in the Japanese southward expansion has always been made clear, but these statements of views are in no sense proposals.

Mr Churchill's Reply

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is understood that Mr Churchill's reply to Mr Matsuoka emphatically stated that if Japan intended to suggest mediation in Europe, there was no grounds for it.

It is also reliably stated that he rejected Mr Matsuoka's suggestion that British moves are allegedly designed to encircle Japan, and explained that the British precautions were purely defensive in character.

U.S. EVACUATION OF THAILAND

Plans Going Ahead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is understood that the United States Minister, Mr Hugh Grant, informed the Foreign Office of the American evacuation plans at this morning's conference.

Mr Grant said that the action is being taken due to the continuance of abnormal and uncertain conditions in the Far East. He emphasized that his circular was not an order or a warning, but advisory only, and similar to the advice given American nationals in Japan, China and Indo-China.

He asserted: "It is not desired to cause any alarm or any unnecessary inconvenience to American citizens who will reach their own decisions in the matter.

There are approximately 150 Americans in Thailand at present.



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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Kowloon Virtual League Champions

J. M. Gosano Fails To Save Recreio On Heavy Wicket

THE WEATHER HAS been so foul for so long that one had almost forgotten that the cricket season was on. On last Saturday week everything was washed out—including the Races! I actually went down to the Valley to a lunch party which was not cancelled but the weather was bleak and horrible. In some ways last Saturday, it did not seem much better, but the grounds had dried up sufficiently to enable several games to be played. The star fixture was of course the K.C.C. and Recreio match when the former club managed to pull the game off and more or less made themselves secure for the Shield though there has not been so much interest in the competition this year, with the Army and Club out of it.

K.C.C. were fortunate to play on their own ground when meeting Recreio, but even their somewhat sheltered ground was none too good. The turf was of course very heavy, the weather cold with a strong wind blowing most of the time.

The Recreio, who were put in, played a rather typical innings. They so often have one batsman come off and the rest do nothing. So it was on Saturday. They could not get the ball away and could manage to average no more than just under four runs per over.

J. M. Gosano was the batsman who came off and he got 75 of their total of 128 for 9 wickets. Of the rest G. N. Gosano (12) alone got double figures. A team cannot hope to win on one batsman.

It might have been expected that the strong Recreio attack on the difficult wicket might have put up a surprise; but this year they do not seem to be in their best form and no one could do the trick. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano and Prata were expensive and ineffective though I have heard the fielding was not as good as it usually is. D. Hung (34) Anderson (46 not out) and F. J. Lay (30) made sure of victory though they did not manage to get beyond the rate of 5.6 runs per over. It is a pity that such an interesting and important match should have had to be played under such depressing conditions.

Junior Division

THE University second eleven once more proved the stolidity of their batting and the Craigengower bowlers could not get them out fast enough to force a win. They batted for 33 overs before declaring at 167 for 9 wickets and only left C.C.C. time for 26 overs.

J. C. Lo (47) D. Chelliah (40) and R. S. Gill (30) were chief scorers for the Varsity, but I regret to see there were three men run out. This shows want of coaching and I presume they did not read my lucubrations the other day on the art of running! Craigengower did not make much of things save for Hamson who scored 47 not out and they had made 92 for six when the end came.

I.R.C. And Police

THE Police are sore put to it to raise a full side and they did uncommonly well to give the Indians such a fight on Saturday. They got them out reasonably enough for 139 of which Wahab's 31 was top score. When L. Clarke (39) and H. Tyler (41) got together things looked good for the Police, but after them came the deluge which Shepherd mainly attempted to stem with a 23. As it was they only failed by three runs. I.R.C. have Abbas to thank for he took 6 wickets in eleven overs for 43 runs.

Non-League Games

IT was perfectly beastly at the Club ground when an "A" team of the Club took on the Recreio second eleven. Huddled up in a coat and woolly scarf, I thanked goodness I had not got to be out in the middle.

The ground had dried faster than I had expected owing, no doubt, to the strong wind that had been blowing all the morning, but it looked a bit of a snipe-marsh. Owing to the heavy outfield, runs came slowly and the principle of "blooming 'ard and blooming 'igh and blooming often" was the only one to speed up things.

Paterson (37), Carey (29) and Ilsley (23) were the principal scorers for the Club. Recreio would have been rather in difficulties but for A. E. Noronha's innings of 62. As it was, they were nine runs behind with four wickets to go when stumps were drawn. It must be remembered however that the Club had declared at 127 for 8 wickets.

Macauley Again

THE D.B.S. did well to get within four runs of C.S.C.C.'s 151 for 8 declared with only 7 wickets down. They owe it however, almost entirely to J. Macauley who made 91 not out. He has been doing very well this year, and I hope he will be able to stick to the game.

The Sunday Game

THE Recreio batsmen on their own ground on Sunday gave a very much improved display though they were up against Zimmern and Lloyd and also Perry. Batting ten men, they put up 181 runs. Wickets were shared, but it must be recorded that my old friend Ernie Zimmern went on to bowl!

Teddy Fincher returned to his old place as opening batsman and hit up 74, but Archie Zimmern's score of 31 and Perry's of 23 were the only others over twenty. It was a tight finish, but the Volunteers failed by five runs.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

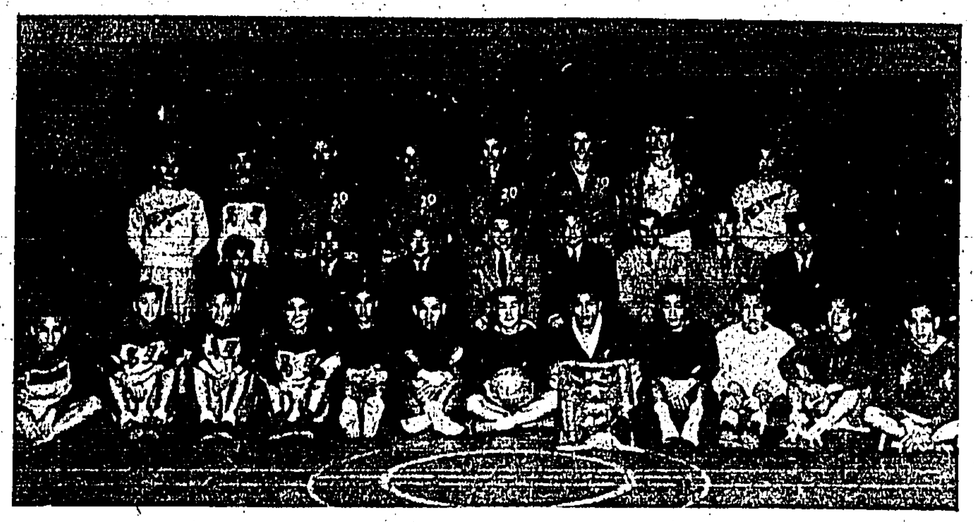
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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders **ONLY** on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

U.S. BASKETBALL TOURISTS



A group picture of the American basketball stars of the 20th Century Fox Film Company when they appeared in a charity match at the Chinese "Y" on Saturday and trounced a local quintette.

SING TAO ON TOUR

Leaving Tomorrow For Philippines

THE SING TAO Sports Club leave Hongkong to-morrow to make a football tour of the Philippines at the invitation of the Philippines A.A. The party is comprised of two officials and 16 players.

In all, five matches will be played, and the tourists are expected back in Hongkong by March 17.

The team will be under the management of Mr. Aw Hoe, and Mr Law Chi-hing will act as Hon. Secretary.

The players are:

Cheung Wing-choi, Siu Tin-lim, Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon, Lau Tin-sang, Leung Yin-chan, Tsui Ah-fai, Sin Yau-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang, Yeung Shui-yick, Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-ki and Ip Pak-wa.

Leung Wing-chui is unable to obtain the necessary leave.

Badminton

Recreio Defeat Chinese "Y"

IN A CLOSE and thrilling game of badminton in the "A" Division of the League yesterday, Club de Recreio beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 5-4 at King's Park.

Not until the final round of games was the match decided. C. Au and H. Koh proved the weak link in the "Y" side, though in what now can be termed the deciding match, J. J. Remedios and H. Gonsalves only inflicted defeat by 23-22.

The scores were:

J. J. Remedios and H. S. Gonsalves lost to S. Koh and C. Y. Yung 16-21; lost to C. H. Wong and G. T. Lau 6-21; beat C. Au and H. Koh 23-22.

A. M. Silva and L. A. Carvalho lost to Koh and Yung 18-21; beat Wong and Lau 21-13; beat Au and Koh 21-15.

A. M. Rodrigues and M. A. Oliveira beat Koh and Yung 21-18; lost to Wong and Lau 9-21; beat Au and Koh 21-13.

Game Postponed

The game between University A and University B, scheduled for last night, was postponed to Friday.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
University "A"	4	4	—	33	3	8
University "B"	3	2	1	16	11	4
Recreio	5	2	3	14	31	4
Chinese "Y"	6	1	5	16	36	2

Leading Owners And Jockeys

The following are the lists of leading owners and jockeys at Happy Valley:

Owners

	1	2	3
Cire	4	4	3
Lan	4	3	3
T. K. L.	4	3	1
Eve	3	5	—
Necan	3	—	—
Li Po-chun	2	—	—
Eu Tong-sen	1	2	—
C. C. F.	1	1	—
Lee Chi-chok	1	1	—
Dynasty	1	1	—
P. and L.	1	—	1
Viluja	1	—	1
Gredmaka	1	—	1
Shields and Stanton	1	—	—
Weetoo	1	—	—
Yeung Bros.	1	—	—
C. W. K.	1	—	—
Mrs A. E. Grasett	1	—	—
Hollandia	1	—	—
P. M. Hoo	1	—	—
Kin Ora	1	—	—
Kwok Yee-chan	1	—	—
C. I. Gregory	1	—	—
C. H.	—	2	—
S. K.	—	1	2
Lee Bros.	—	1	2
Marber	—	1	1
G. Tinson	—	1	1
Mrs Chunog Ho-yen	—	1	1
Golf	—	1	—
Billy	—	1	—
Culture	—	1	—
G. A. Harriman	—	1	—
Kong Bros.	—	1	—
Wai Shiu-pak	—	1	—
S. W.	—	1	—
C. H. Chan	—	—	2
W. T. Stanton	—	—	2
C. N. K.	—	—	2
Pearstur	—	—	1
Bridge	—	—	1
Quartermaster	—	—	1
S. S.	—	—	1
Toots	—	—	1
Manetta	—	—	1
L. W. S.	—	—	1
T. L.	—	—	1
Colleng	—	—	1
E. S. K.	—	—	1
Lucky	—	—	1
S. W. Lee	—	—	1
Cocoa	—	—	1
Marber I	—	—	1

Jockeys

	1	2	3	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	4	2	14
H. C. Pih	4	3	2	12
C. B. Moller	3	4	3	8
F. Noodt	3	3	2	13
Ip Kui-ying	3	—	1	2
L. B. Chao	2	4	2	15
W. H. S. Davis	2	4	1	13
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	10
D. Black	2	—	5	12
H. J. A. Hearne	2	—	1	8
M. M. Sokoloff	1	4	2	10
W. G. Poy	1	3	—	11
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	9
A. D. Coppin	1	1	—	3
D. H. S. Craven	1	—	2	6
P. P. Botelho	1	—	2	14
B. L. Tao	1	—	2	21
H. J. Holden	1	—	1	..
R. M. Wood	1	—	—	7
K. W. Fung	—	1	—	1
D. G. Woo	—	1	—	2
S. L. Sung	—	1	—	9
L. J. A. Fielden	—	—	1	—
S. W. Tang	—	—	1	—
Tang Man-wa	—	—	1	4
G. Treverton	—	—	1	13
H. S. Chang	—	—	1	19
J. Barrow	—	—	—	1
M. F. L. Haymas	—	—	—	1
G. W. Cooper	—	—	—	1
C. C. Chan	—	—	—	1
S. W. Pan	—	—	—	2
B. A. Proulx	—	—	—	2
Chanson Feng	—	—	—	2
T. W. Chattey	—	—	—	3
K. I. Ip	—	—	—	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	—	—	—	3
C. L. Gregory	—	—	—	3
Chui Ki-fan	—	—	—	3
S. W. Lee	—	—	—	4
F. A. Sequeira	—	—	—	4
Ho Hong-ping	—	—	—	10
R. K. C. Chui	—	—	—	12
Hoo Pak-ming	—	—	—	12
S. L. Yuen	—	—	—	18

C. S. C. C. Cricket XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. juniors in a friendly Cricket match against Hongkong C.C. on Saturday at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:

H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.



PLAQUE FOR BOXER—Former Mayor Walker, left, presents Henry Armstrong with Neil memorial plaque for outstanding sportsmanship, at dinner in Rupport's Brewery, New York. President Lowin of boxing writers, right.

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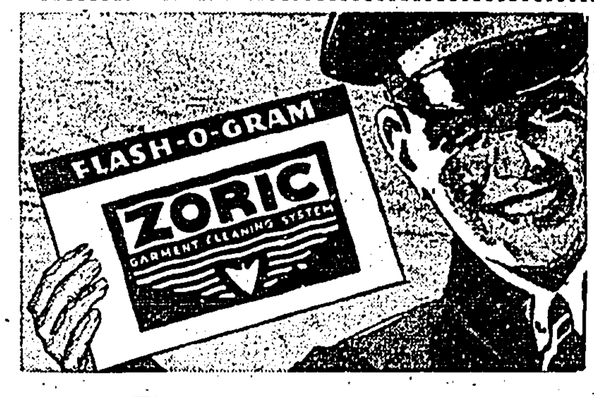
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Walter Neusel Scores T.K.O.

Schmeling Still In Excellent Trim

BERLIN, Jan. 27 (UP).—Walter Neusel technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the 10th round at the Deutschlundhalle last night in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight title.

Max Schmeling—who ranks as the European rather than German champion—made his first public appearance in several months when he was introduced to the cheering crowd before the fight.

Schmeling, who was in mufti, was accompanied by scores of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained a leave and had flown down from the training station especially for the fight, at which they were guests of honour.

No Definite Plans

Max stated to the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but he hinted he might meet the winner between Neusel and Lasek. He said he did not have any definite plans for the future, nor could he say if he would have a return bout with Champion Joe Louis whom he characterised as "the best of them all."

Schmeling, to whom the German press refers as "still the most popular of all German fighters," looked trim and in excellent condition. Max refused to give any details about his training as a parachute trooper and also refused to answer any questions bearing on the war.

During the interview, the former world champion was surrounded by scores of officers who were his military superiors.

Middlesex Win Six-mile Marathon Race

Combined Small Units met Middlesex Regiment in a six-mile marathon race yesterday afternoon, starting and finishing at the European Y.M.C.A. The race resulted in a win for the latter, who scored 121 points. Results were:

1, L/Cpl Dunne (Middlesex); 2, Pte Heather (Middlesex); 3, Cpl Hobson (Middlesex); 4, Dmr Merton (Middlesex); 5, Cpl Truscott (Signals); 6, Sig. Lithauer (Signals); 7, Cpl Cole (Small Units); 8, Pte Hughes (Middlesex); 9, Pte Coomer (Middlesex); 10, Pte Baker (Middlesex).

La Salle Athletics

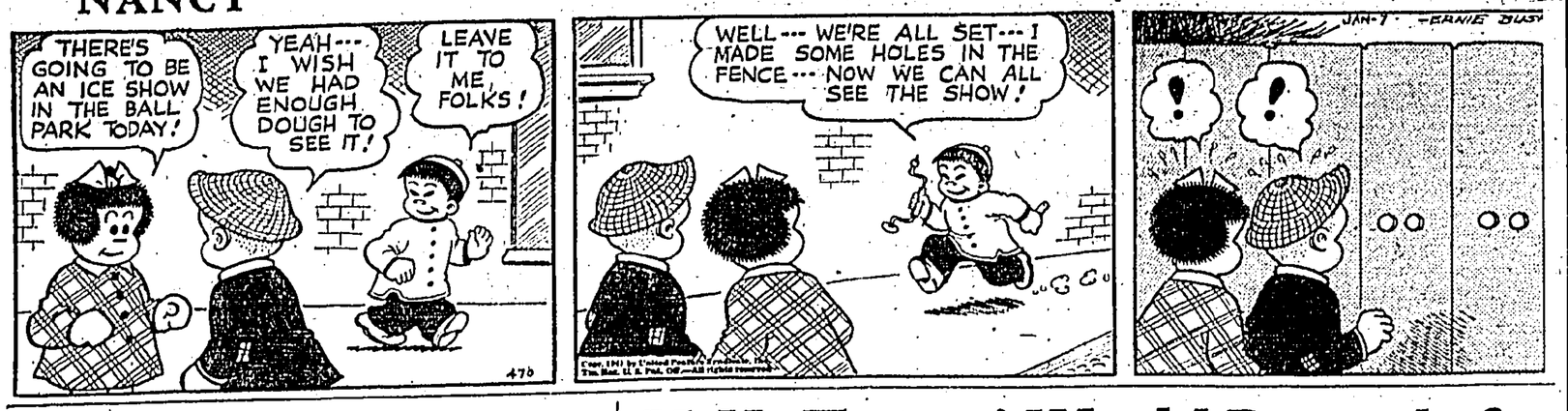
The tenth annual Athletic meeting of the La Salle College will be held on the College grounds on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m.

Children Sports

To-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m., on the Southorn Playground, Wanchai, the Children's Playground Association will hold their seventh annual Children's Sports. A football (small ball) match will be played at 4.30 p.m. and prizes will be presented at 5 p.m.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Invasion Ports Feel Power of The R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Further details of Sunday night's attack by the R.A.F. on the docks at Calais and Boulogne were given in an Air Ministry communique.

This communique states that large fires were started at Boulogne, many bursts being observed in the dock area.

At Calais, shipping and docks were set on fire.

One aircraft failed to return from these operations.

Few Bombs On Britain

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain during daylight to-day has been very slight, the only bombs reported being at a place in north Scotland.

Announcing this, the Air Ministry states that the bombs caused neither damage nor casualties.

Wing To Wing Fight Of Poles

King George's Inspection

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—King George, while making a tour of inspection of R.A.F. aerodromes recently visited several Polish squadrons.

His Majesty subsequently expressed his appreciation of the smartness and enthusiasm of the Polish airmen.

The Polish Commander-in-Chief, in reply, assured His Majesty that the Polish airmen are proud to fight wing to wing with the R.A.F. and consider it a privilege to be serving at the same time their own country and Britain in a common noble cause.

WOMAN WITH TREES FINED $80 WITH GAOL AS ALTERNATIVE

Chung Fung, 45, married woman, was fined $80 or in default two months' hard labour by Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Central Magistracy this morning for unlawful possession of 16 wild trees, valued at $80, at No. 3G Government Plantation, near Pottinger Gap, on February 24. Sub-Inspector W. L. Clark said defendant was also in possession of a chopper.

TERRORISM IN SHANGHAI

Nanking Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mr. Li Shih-chun, the Nanking Minister of Police and concurrently Director of Special Service headquarters, made a statement to newspapers and foreign correspondents last night declaring that he is determined to halt terrorism in Shanghai, "for the good of the international communities in Shanghai."

He declared that "terrorism has no place in Shanghai in our efforts to revive business, trade and prosperity for the good of all."

Referring to the recent bombing of the Nanking sponsored Central Reserve Bank of China, he said, "In Shanghai we still find many banks, the property of which belongs to the Chungking regime. We have never tried to molest or destroy them. We have always treated such property as the property of the Chinese nation and people."

Shroff Wanted On Charge Of Conversion

Szeto Toi, *alias* Szeto Sing-ken, former shroff of Messrs Dodwell and Company, who was wanted on a charge of fraudulent conversion of $6,588.56 of the firm's money to his own use and benefit on January 11, and for whose arrest a reward of $1,000 was offered, was apprehended by a party of Police led by Det.-Sergeant Cochrane, at an address in Wanchai this morning.

H.K. Trams' World Records for Cheapness and Frequency

"For the third successive year we are able to say that new high records have been established in respect of traffic receipts, passengers and car-miles," declared the Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson when he presented the Chairman's speech at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd. held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd, at noon to-day.

Directors present included the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., and Mr A. H. Compton.

Others present were Mr L. C. F. Bellamy (General Manager), Mr W. F. Simmons (Secretary and Assistant Manager), and Messrs T. N. Chau, H. S. Hills, B. Wong Tape, D. V. Steavenson, F. W. Stapleton, James Seto, H. Gittins, M. H. Lo, Douglas Hung, Choa Seng-choo, H. W. Lee and John Fleming (Shareholders).

In his speech the Hon. Mr Paterson said:

Gentlemen,—With your permission I will, as usual, take the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1940 as read.

For the third successive year we are able to say that new high records have been established in respect of traffic receipts, passengers and car-miles.

Passengers at 74,208,000 are up by 3¼ million or 4.64% and traffic receipts are up by $153,000 or 5½%.

The profit for the year, before allowing for the new Corporation Profits and Property Tax, is $1,242,680 or less by $183,597 than the previous year's profit but this is more than accounted for by the new rate of 25% Royalty effective throughout the year as against a rate of 5% until September of the previous year. For 1940 this liability amounted to $374,468 against $147,402 for 1939—an increase of $227,066.

In other words we are handing over to Government in respect of new Taxation and Royalty on last year's working $510,672, an increase over 1939 of $363,269.

Two Extra Tramcars

As foreshadowed in the Chairman's speech last year, two additional tramcars were put into commission during 1940 bringing the total to 109. In this connection I have been asked to comment on an interview given to the Press last November by Inspector Saunders (head of the Traffic Branch of the Police) regarding the prevailing overcrowding of the Colony's trams and buses.

According to the "South China Morning Post" of November 8 last Mr Saunders said (inter alia) "owing to the war in Europe the local bus companies are finding difficulty in obtaining delivery of their orders, some of which were placed over a year ago) and as for the trams, our service is the most frequent in the world, and you cannot very well put any more of them on the rails." Asked to explain this Mr Saunders said that a recent check made on the tramway at the bottom of Garden Road showed that trams passed that point at the rate of 170 per hour in both directions which meant 89 per hour in one direction or one tram every ¾ minute.

A Fresh Check

"Where in the world do you get such a service?" he is alleged to have said, adding that he did not see how the Tramway Company could put any more cars on the rails. Consequently during the China New Year festivities last month a fresh check was made at the bottom of Garden Road.

On February 28, with 103 cars operating (30 of them on the short distance run Western Market-Causeway Bay) 218 cars passed per hour during the heavy traffic periods or 109 cars in each direction, or a headway between cars of 33 seconds. Thanks largely to the Hongkong Electric Company having provided an additional traction sub-station, no trouble (electrical or otherwise) was experienced but it is obvious that the claims of the workshop and paintshop and routine overhauls prevent a service of this great frequency being maintained normally without increasing the total of available vehicles. It is, therefore, the intention of your Directors to acquire a number of additional tramcars if the present congested conditions continue and when our British suppliers are in a position to execute our orders. Meanwhile we are still awaiting delivery of tramcar trucks, air brake equipments, traction motors, steel tyres and axles etc.

We now have 38 tramcars fitted with air brakes. We have placed orders for a further 40 equipments but delivery is exceedingly slow.

Track Work Postponed

Regarding the track, you were told last year that Causeway Road was to be raised and widened and that it would be necessary for us to construct a new double track between Causeway Bay and the western end of King's Road. This work has been postponed probably for the duration of the war.

We have experienced considerable trouble during the year in consequence of the shortage of one cent coins. Our fares of 6 cents first class and 3 cents third class (on all except Shaukiwan cars) whilst being exceedingly low are, at the same time, very cumbrous and necessitate an enormous amount of change. I am glad to say, however, that although there appears to be a continued shortage of one cent coins, the position has improved since the China New Year holidays.

On the subject of fares I told you from this Chair two years ago that our fares were amongst the lowest of any road passenger transport system in the world. The fare for the longest possible 3rd class tram ride in Hongkong, at the present rate of exchange, works out at 0.11 pence per mile, or 9 miles for a penny. Further, no charge is made for luggage although our bye-laws provide that nothing over a cubic foot in measurement will be allowed as personal luggage. Our conductors are taught to be tolerant and to allow any thing on the platform free of charge so long as it is not offensive or too unwieldy.

Fares Amongst Lowest

To quote Mr D. G. M. Bernard who presided at the annual meeting of this Company on February 27, 1928, "We do not do all this—and at our low fares—from philanthropic motives, but as part of the social and civic service which your Company is rendering to hundreds of thousands of the Colony's population."

Returning to the accounts, you will note an unusually high donations figure; this includes $25,000 subscribed to the South China Morning Post War Fund. The addition in the head "House & Other Property" represents purchase of an engineering staff residence at Broadwood Road conveniently located to our main Russell Street depot. The remaining detail is, I think, perfectly clear without special comment.

Deducting the War Taxation assessment of $136,203.60 in respect of Corporation Profits & Property Taxes and including the sum of $128,202.25 carried in from last year, the amount available is $1,234,739.08 of which $100,000 has been allocated to General Reserve Account.

Interim Dividend

An Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share was paid in August last and the Board now recommends a Final distribution of $1 per share making a total dividend of $1.50 for the year 1940, amounting to $975,000. This is the same as paid for 1939 and leaves the increased balance of $159,739.08 to be carried forward.

I now propose the Resolution:

"That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, as presented, be adopted and that a final Dividend of One Dollar per share, hereby declared, be paid for the year 1940."

In seconding the adoption of the report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts, Mr Chau took the opportunity of suggesting an increase in the Directors' fees being authorised.

Directors' Fees

He said:

I rise to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts and in doing so I must congratulate the Directors, the general manager and the staff on the exceedingly good results.—What the Chairman has told us concerning the Hongkong Government's very substantial share in the fortunes of the Company is of particular interest. Although the shareholders are deriving benefit to the extent of $975,000 from the year's working the Government is benefiting by no less a sum than $510,000—due chiefly to the new high rate of royalty we now have to pay.

The fact that this very heavy increase in royalty and taxation liability has been met without reduction of dividend is a splendid achievement. The foresight that has been shown in preparing for this and the stability of the Company's position clearly shown by the accounts now before us, deserve the appreciation of all members of our Company.

I have made enquiries and find that fees paid as Directors' remuneration have remained unchanged since the time of incorporation in spite of the Company's progressive development indicated by the increase of passengers carried from 19,000,000 in the year 1922 to 74,000,000 in 1940. In view of the magnitude and success of the Company's business as revealed by the Chairman's speech I am of opinion that the time has arrived to reconsider this, and I am confident of the support of all present when I suggest that an increase in Directors' fees be authorised.

I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts."

Mr Hills then said that he entirely agreed with what Mr Chau had said and seconded the suggestion of increasing the Directors' fees.

Will Be Considered

Replying, the Chairman, on behalf of the Directors, thanked Mr Chau for his "very kind remarks." The Chairman added that the proposal regarding the Directors' fees would be taken up.

The report of the Directors and the statement of accounts were carried unanimously.

Mr Wong Tape proposed that Mr L. J. Davies be elected a Director of the Company and that the retiring Directors, the Hon. Mr Paterson and the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo be re-elected as Directors, and this was seconded by Mr Steavenson.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr Steavenson proposed that Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be appointed Auditors of the Company at a fee of $2,500 to hold office until the date of the next ordinary yearly general meeting, and this was seconded by Mr H. Gittins, and carried unanimously.

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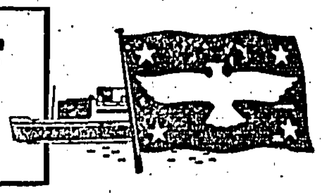
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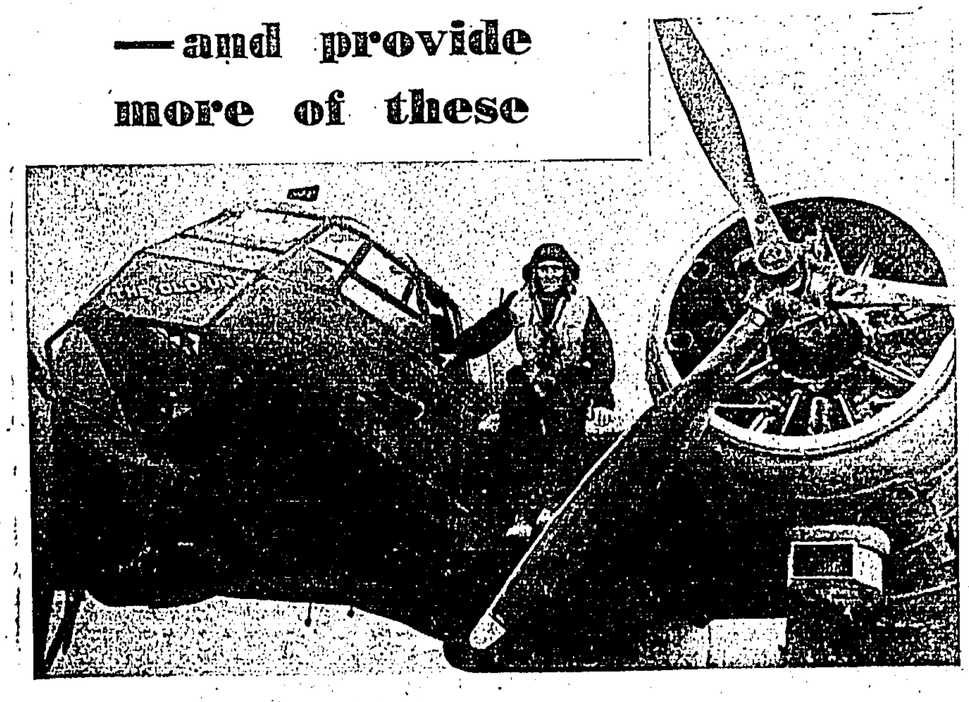
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Insulin Discoverer Found Dead in Plane

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The aeroplane carrying the discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting, which has been missing since Friday, has been located.

The Canadian Munitions Minister, Mr C. D. Howe, made this announcement in the House of Commons to-day.

There are indications that someone is alive in the plane which is in a small bay.

Mr Howe said that a plane equipped with skis was on its way to investigate.

A message was written in the snow near the grounded aircraft.

Canadian officials in Montreal said that the man seen on the Newfoundland Coast is believed to be Captain Mackey, commander of the aeroplane.

The Canadian Defence Headquarters announces that Sir Frederick Banting and two others were killed.

EVACUATION

Britons Leaving North And South China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—More than 500 Britons will be evacuated from Peiping and Tientsin and more than 100 from Canton and Swatow, according to a Shanghai dispatch quoting British sources.

The British evacuees from Canton and Swatow will first proceed to Hongkong and those from Peiping, Tientsin and other parts of North and Central China to Shanghai before they sail for England.

GIANT BOMBER

New York, Feb. 24.

A giant Consolidated bomber, the first of 26 which Britain has ordered from that company, was delivered to Canadian officials after a secret flight from New York.—*United Press.*

BANK MEETING

Shareholders are reminded that the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place to-morrow, Wednesday, at noon at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

AMERY REPORT ON INDIA

Arming at Speed

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—After a tribute to the gallantry of Indian troops in Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, dealing with India's war effort, said that India was now one of the greatest industrial countries in the world as well as one of the greatest producers of foodstuffs and raw materials.

She was already making her own rifles, machine-guns, field artillery and ammunition, and 90 per cent. of all miscellaneous equipment for her forces.

The Indian Army, he said, is being rapidly expanded to a force of 500,000 men, armed, trained, equipped and mechanised on a modern scale, exclusive of troops already serving abroad.

Losses And Thefts

Dr N. C. McLeod of No. 462 The Peak, has reported the theft of a circular mirror in a case from his office, yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Father Malone of the Maryknoll Mission, Stanley, has reported the loss of 700 bricks from the Mission compound. The loss was discovered yesterday.

No Parade To-day

Owing to the Bank Holiday there will be no parade of the Training Company at the Murray Barracks this evening.

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BRUTUS PAYS BIG DIVIDEND

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3.—LADIES' PURSE.—Presented: with $1,000 added for Winner. A Handicap for Australian Subscription Ponies classified "B" Class. 2 miles.

223 TREVERTON'S Brutus 135 lb. (G. Treverton) 1
228 BILLY'S Springhurst 149 lb. (W. G. Foy) 2
225 MARDER I'S Conniebar 149 lb. (H. S. Chang) 3

9 starters.
Won by Three lengths; half a length.
Time: 3.51.4.
Pari-mutuel: Winner $64.70. Places $21.00; $23.10; $94.20.

4.—JOCKEY CUP.—A Cup value $100 will be presented to the winning Jockey. A Handicap for China Ponies classified "C" Class. About one mile 171 yards.

230 RVE'S Gladiator 145 lb. (T. W. Chatley) 1
240 EU TONG-SEN'S Potentate 149 lb. (Chiu Ki-fan) 2
235 T.K.L.'s Galveston Bay 140 lb. (W. Yui) 3

15 starters.
Won by half a length; three lengths.
Time:—2.13.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $102.70. Places $30.70; $32.40; $120.20.

5.—WARREGO PLATE.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. 2 miles.

253 MISS B. HALL'S Never-Never 152 lb. (D. Black) 1
254 C.C.F.'S Santa-Anita 152 lb. (S. C. Liang) 2
240 L.W.S.'S Corsair 149 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 3

11 starters.
Won by two lengths; many lengths.
Time:—3.55.1.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $27.60. Places $9.50; $6.70; $13.10.

Water Spout Hits Hotel

Heavy Damage Caused

CONSIDERABLE damage was done to the extension of the E. and O. Hotel in Penang recently when a water spout, moving from the north channel just before dusk, hit the extension.

The damage is estimated to run into thousands of dollars. Tiles from the roof, flower stands and garden seats were lifted into the air and whirled down hitting cars and the sides of the building.

Mrs Gascoyne, wife of a military officer, had a miraculous escape when a tile penetrated the ceiling and fell at her feet.

Two other Europeans Mr R. P. Phillips and an army officer, had their rooms flooded.

The manager of the hotel said that he saw the spout gathering about 300 yards away and rushed upstairs by lift to warn the boys to get all windows bolted but before he reached the top the spout had hit the hotel.

He felt the lift tremble and the whole of the extension seemed to shake. There was a terrible crash as part of the roof was lifted out and the tiles were flung about in all directions.

Nazi Munitions Train Crashes

The explosion of a German munitions train which recently crashed into another train on one of the three main lines from Hungary to Rumania damaged a large part of the town of Berettyo—Ujfalu—and—wrecked—the tracks, reports Associated Press from Budapest.

The town is near what used to be the Hungarian-Rumanian frontier before Rumania ceded Transylvania to Hungary, and is about midway between Pospokladany and Nagyvarad.

This route has been used by the Germans to move heavy troop reinforcements through Hungary into Rumania.

Hungarian censorship clamped down on further details of the accident.

LATE NEWS

Unrest In Holland Growing

Unrest in Holland is revealing itself in the increasing frequency of street fights and brawls between members of different political parties.

Political argument, and consequent flaticuffs, have even spread to elementary schools, as a broadcast of a new (Nazi) Under-Secretary for Education shows.

"I know," he said, "that you are often discussing politics, the war and the new things you see happening in the streets. Stop those altercations."

He directed the same warnings to pupils at secondary schools, whom he promised "more sports and games as an outlet for your energy."

Tighter Police Control

The Germans are still not satisfied with the attitude of the Dutch police. Many Dutch Nazis have been drafted into the police forces, and street patrols by Dutch Nazi blackshirts, are often attacked and beaten up during the hours of darkness.

Many German policemen and soldiers have been drowned in canals, and a large number of these are believed to have been pushed into the water. In The Hague alone ten miles of railings have been put up along the canal banks.

The Dutch police have been put under the control of German security police, and streets are in future to be patrolled in pairs, one German and one Dutch policeman.

Ban on Tricolour

The Germans have prohibited the display of the Dutch tricolour at meetings or in processions, "because the Netherlands flag is too venerable for such occasions."

After a German sentry at Leyden had been fired upon, the chief of police issued an order to all civilians to surrender firearms. Anyone now found in possession of a firearm is liable to be shot immediately.

New British Plan To Gaol Gluttons

PEOPLE who eat more than the fixed number of dishes in hotels and restaurants may be sent to gaol, it is reported from London.

This is understood to be a provision in the new food plan prepared by the Minister for Food (Lord Woolton).

Caterers who serve customers with too many dishes may also be punished.

Greedy customers are liable to three months' gaol or a £100 fine, or both, on summary conviction.

If they are found guilty of an indictment the penalty may be six months' imprisonment or a fine of £500, or both.

The new plan heavily restricts hotel and restaurants menus.

At present, restaurant meals must consist of only one main dish—either fish or meat.

Meals in Restaurants

It is expected that the new regulations will forbid eggs, poultry, or cheese as an addition.

This means that if a customer wants eggs, poultry, or cheese, he can't have meat or fish.

Restaurants will thus have to serve more soup, hors d'oeuvres, puddings, and fruit.

One leading West End hotel offers a two-course dinner for 7/6 which consists of hors d'oeuvres or soup or eggs, fish as an entree, and then a roast, grill, or cold buffet.

Dead Pilot In Nazi Fighter

A German fighter with a dead pilot at the controls was encountered recently by an R.A.F. sergeant pilot over England.

The enemy fighter, one of a number of Messerschmitts which had been intercepted by a Hurricane squadron, was singled out by the sergeant pilot, who was surprised to find that his opponent took no evasive action when attacked and began to lose height in a gentle dive.

Investigated

Deciding that the strange tactics required further investigation, the sergeant pilot closed up and flew alongside the Messerschmitt.

"When I looked into the cockpit I saw the German pilot crumpled up and lying forwarded in his seat," he said afterwards. "He was dead, I am sure, but I decided to stay around for a bit longer and see what happened. I kept alongside that German for quite a few—minutes and then flew round and round, but still the gentle dive continued. Then the Messerschmitt slowly turned, dropped into a spin, and, still spinning, crashed to the ground."

DAMAGE REWARD

Somewhere in London a school has suffered badly as a result of enemy action. There is no roof, the windows are all gone, the interior has been gutted by fire and the walls are very considerably marked, but not too marked to obscure signs on two of the standing walls.

They read: "A reward of Five Shillings will be paid to anybody giving information which will lead to the conviction of persons damaging these premises."

British Planes Beat Nazi Bombers

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ing down out of the sky as dusk fell, but though favoured by the failing light, the attack never materialised.

This was the last trouble from skyraiders and the fleet, proceeding on its scheduled course, endeavoured to locate the Italian fleet. Our pursuit of the enemy brought us close to the Italian coast: all guns, from 15-inchers down to the deadly network of pom-poms, swung broadside ready for action, but there was no sign of life from Il Duce's sailors—the British freedom of action in the Mediterranean remains as great as ever.

German Claim

BERLIN, Feb. 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that a British auxiliary cruiser was included in the convoy of 125,000 tons destroyed yesterday. The report says that "after numerous stubborn attacks," the vessels were sunk.

It claimed the recent grand total is 217,300 tons of which 190,300 tons were sunk by U-boats.

Rome Communique

ROME, Feb. 24 (UP).—To-day's communique states: "A German air detachment attacked a British naval formation in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting a large unit of undetermined type, which probably sank.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

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positions in the area of the Skumbi Valley, El Bassan, Ilin and Pogradetz from 3 a.m. to-day.

Italian troops in this area have been reinforced during the past week.

Further south in the Devoli and Voyusha Valleys, artillery was heavily engaged to-day.

Several local actions were reported in which Italian infantry attack were repulsed with heavy losses.

In the Ostravitza Mountains, the Greeks captured an important height dominating the Italians' advanced positions.

Minister Sees Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Greek Minister had an interview with Mr Winston Churchill to-day.

It Means War, The Isolationists Cry

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We will speak all day and all night if necessary," he declared.

He asserted that after the bill has been passed, he and other isolationists plan a nationwide campaign to keep the President from exercising the powers which can plunge the United States into war.

Tantamount To War Declaration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator D. Worth Clark, admitting that the Lend and Lease Bill will pass, charged that "within the next week or so," the Senate will make a declaration of war but "we will call it the Lend and Lease Bill."

The Senator denied that Britain is fighting America's fight, and said he admired that English type of patriotism, but he reserved the right to warn—Americans—against—being dragged into England's war.

Amazing Gang To Send Letters

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in Kwongchowwan. An examination of the firm's accounts revealed that the conveyance of letters was their business and that they were making between $1,000 and $2,000 per month on this trade.

Bundles of Mail

While he was at the house examining the letters third defendant entered carrying a coat in the pockets of which were found 60 letters and also another bundle of letters given her by a firm for sending out of the Colony.

The woman admitted that she was employed by first defendant who was the head of the "agency." The firm had been doing this business for the last four or six months. While the ordinary letter postage to Kwangchowwan was 30 cents, letters sent through the "agency" were conveyed for about 12 cents. All the letters were business letters, but there was the danger of other letters being sent also, and the fact that Government was being defrauded.

First and second defendants were fined $500 or six months, and the third $100 on each of the two charges, or two months, the sentences, in default, to run concurrently.

Deaf Mutes Married

TWO deaf mutes were married at Queen-street Registry Office in Melbourne recently.

The couple, Mr John O'Grady, of Myrtleford, and Miss Ethel Leber, of Richmond, took the marriage oaths in sign language and lip articulation.

The caution under the marriage act was similarly administered, by the aid of an interpreter, on whose hands the couple kept their eyes throughout the ceremony.

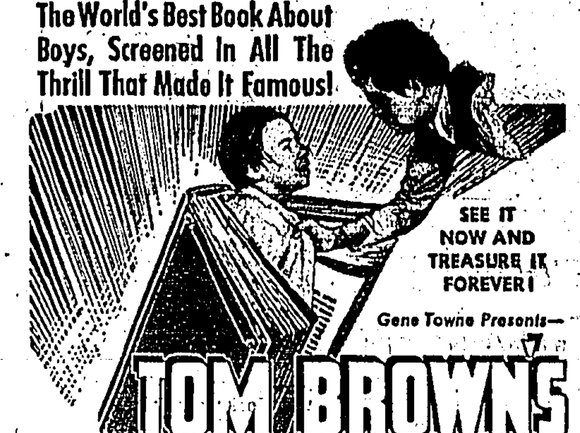
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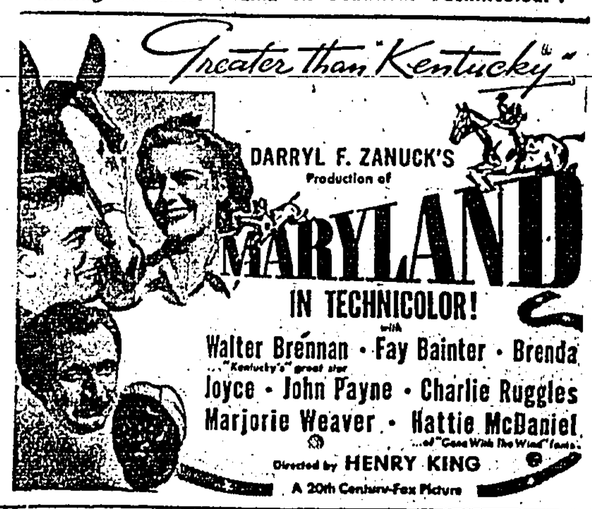
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One of Singapore's most familiar figures, 50-year-old Mohamed Ibrahim, bill collector for Raffles Hotel for more than 12 years, died in Singapore recently.

Mohamed Ibrahim with his short beard and moustache and wrinkled face was well-known to hundreds of people in Singapore to whom his appearance meant "Oh, yes, my bill at Raffles Hotel."

Friml's Chinese Opera Ready

China, to composer Rudolf Friml, is Chinese music and little else.

Friml, who recently returned to Hollywood from a two-year stay in Hongkong, says he knows little of politics or the war situation in the Far East, having devoted himself to studying the native music.

He also composed a new operetta, "Sing Song Girl."

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BRITISH PLANES BEAT NAZI BOMBERS AND SAVE SUPPLY CONVOY

Special to the "Telegraph"

A TREMENDOUS BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES WHEN NAZI DIVE-BOMBERS ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK A BRITISH CONVOY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS SPECIALLY DESCRIBED BY RICHARD McMILLAN, THE "UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT ABOARD A BRITISH BATTLESHIP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The message, received in Hongkong this morning was sent from the warship via Alexandria at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

It reveals that Fleet Air Arm fighters, taking off from an aircraft-carrier, broke up two attempts by German dive-bombers to smash a British supply convoy which was being escorted by units of the fleet.

One Heinkel was shot down and a second severely damaged.

In the course of the voyage, which lasted several days, the skies were alive with aircraft, but they were mostly British bombers and fighters, and not a single Italian machine was sighted.

Four-Day Operation

(BY "REUTER'S" CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET)

Feb. 24.—While some units of the fleet continue to maintain communicationns along the Libyan coast, the main battle fleet, in a four-day operation in the Central Mediterranean, beat off German dive-bombers and successfully covered the passage of convoys.

Making a determined effort to break up and sink a British convoy under the powerful protection of British warships, dive-bombers operating from Italian bases attacked the fleet near the scene of the former unsuccessful attack against the aircraft carrier, Illustrious.

The British ships were undamaged and the German planes were driven off with losses.

To-day the Italian High Command claims that a German air formation attacked a British naval squadron in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting one big but unidentified warship so seriously that she probably sank. There was no confirmation in London of this claim.

This time the Germans had as target another aircraft carrier, but, probably still smarting from the heavy toll exacted by fighters from the Illustrious in the earlier attack, the enemy planes confined themselves to dropping bombs at other units of the fleet.

In addition to escorting a number of fast merchantmen safely, the warships carried out a prolonged sweep, according to plan and undeterred by either dive-bombers or the Italian fleet, of which there was still no sign.

Fighter Take Off

All day enemy shadowing planes tried to keep track of the fleet movements but they quickly disappeared when fighters took off from the aircraft carrier.

Fighters overtook a formation of Heinkel bombers, which were taken completely unawares. Diving suddenly on two enemy planes, they drove them almost into the sea. The bombers unloaded their bombs in the ocean in order to increase speed and elude the pursuers, but unavailingly and one German plane burst into flames and dived to its fate.

The second staggered off crippled as the British fighters came to the end of their ammunition.

Wary Approach

Enemy planes made a second wary appearance in stronger forces, sweep-

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MATSUOKA TO VISIT MOSCOW & BERLIN

May Alter Pacific Situation

By JOHN R. MORRIS

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—Well informed quarters in Shanghai understand that Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is planning to visit Moscow and Berlin in March.

His departure will necessarily be postponed until the Indo-China-Thai peace conference in Tokyo has been concluded.

Moreover, Tokyo circles which depreciate the emphasis on the Axis relationships, are reported to doubt the advisability of the trip.

However, the consensus of opinion among the best informed circles here declare that Mr Matsuoka considers an improvement in Russo-Japanese relations so important that he is more likely to go than not.

Non-Aggression Pact?

It is believed that Matsuoka's tentative plans indicate that in his opinion his personal visit is necessary to conclude a non-aggression pact with Moscow which is satisfactory to Japan.

Mr Takekawa's negotiations are believed to have fallen short of that objective.

In view of the recent international perturbation regarding the possibility of a sudden Japanese southward thrust, observers point out that Mr Matsuoka is hardly able to plan a European tour if such an important development were impending.

On the other hand, diplomatic circles consider that if his tour is successful, it would remove one of the most important considerations at present restraining the southward push.

Darlan Forms A Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 24 (UP).—The French political crisis took a new turn to-night.

At 9 o'clock it was officially announced that Admiral Darlan had formed a new Cabinet.

No indication was given as to the composition of the new Cabinet.

Earlier in the day it was reported that Admiral Darlan had had a lengthy conference during the afternoon regarding the Far East crisis, with special reference to Indo-China and Thailand.

A.R.P. Strides In Britain

Duty On Crown Works

LONDON, Feb. 24 (British Wireless).—The Minister of Labour and National Service has made an order under which the Chief Inspector of Factories can require any contractor undertaking Crown building operations to make arrangements for the employment of officers for the supervision of the safety of persons employed and to provide, in the immediate vicinity, suitable canteen facilities for hot meals.

FIREWOOD PRICE FIXED

According to a Government Gazette Extraordinary, published this afternoon, the maximum price at which, until further order, firewood may be retailed in Hongkong is $1 for 40 catties.

NEW ZEALAND

Luxuries Must Go

LONDON, Feb. 24 (British Wireless).—Emphasising in an interview that every individual must help in the war effort, Mr Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said that the British Government's policy asks consumers to do without some of the things which have come to be regarded as near necessities.

In New Zealand, our standards are even higher. If we are determined to play a full part in winning the war, we can afford to make relatively greater sacrifices.

Capetown Minefield

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Navy Department has warned mariners that a minefield has probably been laid down north of Capetown.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

R.A.F. Back Greek Operations

ATHENS, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Supporting the Greek operations, the R.A.F. successfully bombed Dukazi, north-west of Tepelini during Sunday, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece.

Buildings were hit as well as enemy positions to the south, while bombs were seen to burst on anti-aircraft batteries.

Local Engagements

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Greek operations against the Italians in Albania have been restricted owing to heavy rain and thick mists, stated the Athens radio to-night.

The recently captured large mountain ranges, ridges and areas have been systematically cleaned up with the result that more prisoners rave been captured and more automatic weapons and good quantities of tents and blankets have been taken.

Successful patrol activity is also reported.

Two enemy tanks were destroyed in a local engagement where the enemy was completely routed.

Three Italian planes were shot down and two others were severely hit.

Enemy Reinforced

("REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 24.—British aircraft have been continuously bombing Italian

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No U.S. Planes For Indo-China

Washington Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP)—The United States has no intention of contributing warplanes for the defence of French Indo-China according to well informed circles.

Commenting on the reports that the French had asked Ambassador Leahy to transmit a request to Washington for American planes to strengthen the Indo-China defences, informed circles noted that 100 American planes "are rotting on the beaches" at Martinique.

Locally it is understood that Germany denied the Vichy Government permission to transfer these planes to other French holdings. Government circles interpreted the German position as being concrete evidence that Berlin will do nothing to strengthen Indo-China against Japan.

Tension Has Relaxed In Far East

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—After a 50-minute conversation with Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Mr Richard Casey, the Australian Minister, said that the situation in the Far East had possibly relaxed slightly during the last four or five days, but was basically unchanged.

Asked what caused his observation about relaxation, Mr Casey said that no facts had particularly changed but one sensed a slight relaxation in the tension.

It Means War, Scream The Isolationists

Lend and Lease Bill Opposed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator Robert La Follette to-day charged that the Lend and Lease Bill would give President Roosevelt a "green light for war" and permit him to "strip the military and naval defences of the United States to support quixotic adventures overseas."

This bill means war," he declared.

Senator Burton Wheeler threatened a filibuster against the Bill if the Administration seeks to speed its passage with night sessions, "in an effort to put pressure on us."

He said the haste of the Administration was prompted by the realization that the "people back home are waking up to the fact that this is not an aid to Britain bill, nor a bill to strengthen our defences.

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Terrorism In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (Reuter). — After several weeks of respite, Chinese terrorists resumed their activities in Hongkew today, when at 2 o'clock this afternoon two Chinese gunmen fired on two Japanese corporals, wounding one.

It is reported that one of the gunmen was arrested by the Japanese authorities.

Communications between Hongkew and the remainder of the settlement were cut off as all bridges were closed to traffic by the Japanese.

TO-DAY'S RACING

FAVOURITE BEATEN IN CHAMPIONS

Mr D. Black Has Successful Day

The defeat of O-Lan, a red-hot favourite in the Champion Stakes, was the feature of to-day's race meeting at the Happy Valley. O-Lan was beaten into third place, Confusion Bay, second favourite, with Donald Black in the saddle, winning from Navylight by two lengths. The time was 2.26.2.

Confusion Bay won with comparative ease and O-Lan was hardly in the picture at any stage. Navylight beat T.K.L.'s favoured pony by a length for second position.

This was Black's third win of the day, and as a result he caught up with V. V. Needa for premiey place among the successful jockeys.

Sapper's Win

Sapper, a firm favourite for the Australian Ponies' Champions, made no mistake, Mrs Grasett's nominee coming home in a comfortable win by three lengths over Distant View.

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CASH SWEEP RESULTS

RACE 1

No. 1776	$1,047.10
" 3142	470.60
" 1845	235.30

Unplaced ponies ($50 each) Nos. 1883, 608, 1743, 2352, 1953, 2320, 2812, 304, 1519, 1231, 2184, 296, 2207, 1418.

RACE 2

No. 318	$2,026.50
" 841	379.00
" 2603	289.50

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 2206, 4278, 3311, 992, 2024, 1305.

RACE 3

No. 412	$2,125.90
" 3123	607.40
" 3022	303.70

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 3510, 3872, 1788, 1104, 4466, 2963.

RACE 4

No. 4032	$2,016.30
No. 2775	575.80
No. 3529	287.90

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1126, 255, 2852, 4201, 1913, 2910, 4, 4297, 3255, 2377, 3636, 691.

RACE 5

No. 1040	$2,254.70
No. 454	644.20
No. 2621	322.10

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 4750, 5055, 4278, 2434, 1005, 4807, 4723, 1007.

RACE 6

No. 340	$2,532.60
" 3025	723.60
" 3470	361.80

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1765, 4984, 4557, 5427, 3554, 608, 4549, 1893, 1784, 4066.

RACE 7

No. 1846	$3,090.10
" 1053	884.00
" 6233	442.30

Unplaced ponies ($50 each). No. 5039.

RACE 8

No. 1254	$3,175.20
" 5838	909.20
" 6389	543.00

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 2074, 6299, 5113.

RACE 9

No. 2509	$3,259.90
" 1233	931.40
" 1136	465.70

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1412, 5903.

RACE 10

No. 841	$3,210.20
" 4733	917.20
" 5803	458.60

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 2118, 5577.

RACE 11

No. 3543	$2,904.00
" 5652	855.00
" 4298	427.80

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 5085, 5331, 5404, 2324, 6594, 4302, 4975, 1032, 3172, 573, 5023.

RACE 12

No. 5628	$3,206.10
" 6929	916.00
" 5309	458.30

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 6613, 6341, 6180, 6345, 2432, 4146, 6190, 5178, 4812, 5658, 1819, 6361.

Matsuoka Calls On White Races To Cede Oceania To The Asiatics

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to-day called on the white races to cede Oceania to the Asiatics.

He declared: "It has always been a pet theory that Oceania must be made a place to which the Asiatics can migrate.

"We believe we have a natural right to migrate there.

"We believe that the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics."

Mr Matsuoka said that the Asiatics had the resources and the support of 600 million people in this quest.

Experts' Views

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Officials of the State Department declined to comment on Mr Matsuoka's suggestion.

However geographical experts evalued Mr Matsuoka's claim as including the possessions of France, Britain, the United States, Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti and New Zealand.

The Hawaiian Delegate, Mr Samuel King, a highly qualified expert on the Pacific geography and anthropology told the "United Press":

"Mr Matsuoka took in more territory than he knew. His obvious misconception of what constitutes Oceania has made his statement truly ridiculous."

The expert added that all anthropological as well as geographical definitions of Oceania included Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia, and occasionally they included also Malaysia.

He said that Polynesia, which included the Hawaiian group as well as the Phoenix group were also considered part of the Oceania, hence Mr Matsuoka inferentially suggested that the white races withdraw from Hawaii.

"Hawaii, which is 2,000 miles from the United States is bound to the western world by ties of trade, culture and tradition for 50 years. Hawaii is irrevocably part of the United States and far beyond any possible sphere of Japanese interest," declared the expert.

Reply To U.S. Move?

Other well informed experts pointed out that Mr Matsuoka's pretensions extend far beyond the 118th meridian which was once considered the dividing line between the respective spheres in naval expansion.

Some observers suggested that Mr Matsuoka's statement might be designed to constitute a reply to the United States' fortification of Guam and Samoa.

It is explained that Oceania consists basically of the Polynesians which includes, in addition to Hawaii and Samoa, also New Zealand, Marquesas, Tonga, Tahiti, Tuamotos, Cook and Tubai Islands, which consist mainly of Aryan stock which has migrated from India, Micronesia, which includes the Caroline, Mariana, Marshall, Gilbert, Tokelau and Ellice Island; Melanesia, which consists of Papau, New Guinea, New Caledonia, and the Fiji Islands.

Experts declared that none of these groups were properly included in the East Indies or Philippines of Malayan stock.

Experts noted that sometimes Oceania included Malaysia and Australia, and that Mr Matsuoka, from the context of his remarks, intended to include these lands and areas. Thus his aspiration extended the entire Pacific range from Hawaii to Australia.

SOVIET WARNING

Balkans Must Not Fight Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Soviets have intimated to all Balkan Governments that they must not interfere in Balkan events in any way which would cause armed conflict with Germany.

It is understood that there have been no demarches, written notes or official audiences requested but that the Balkan authorities were given to understand the Russian viewpoint through normal diplomatic channels.

LATEST

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Amazing Gang Organisation To Send Letters From Colony

The operations of a gang alleged to specialise in smuggling letters in and out of the Colony, were related to Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning when Mr B. C. W. Fitches of the General Post Office, assisted by Sub.-Inspector Fowlie, brought prosecutions.

They obtained convictions against Cheung Chung-kee, 42, master of the Hop Fat Cheong Import and Export Firm, No. 30 Queen's Street, second floor, Siu Kwing-kwan, 24, unemployed and Lam Tai, 30, married woman, on charges of possessing letters for conveyance into and out of the Colony otherwise than by post, at the above address on February 19, in violation of the Defence Regulations.

First and second defendants pleaded guilty, but third defendant denied the charges.

Mr Fitches said that information was received of the activities of the gang and they were watched. One day a member of the gang was seen boarding a steamer near the China Merchants Wharf. He was followed but later disappeared.

On February 19 witness visited the address at No. 30 Queen's Street, and found several letters, addressed to firms in the Colony. The letters were from Kwangchowwan. He also found a number of letters from firms in the Colony to various addresses

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Charity Tea Dance

The Charity Tea Dance, under the auspices of the National Women's Relief Association, held at the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room on Sunday, was one of the most brilliant events of the season.

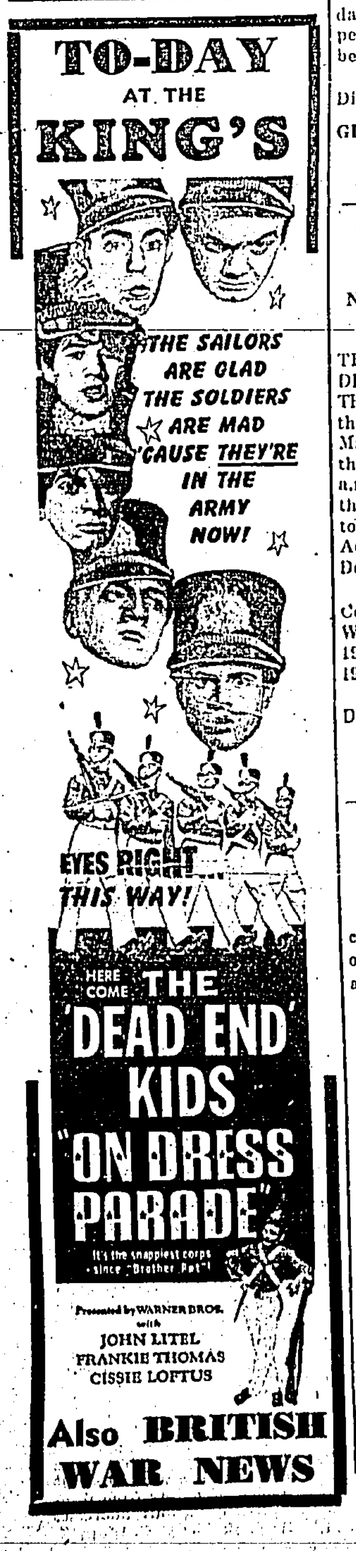
The Hula Dance of Miss Margaret Chen opened the programme of entertainments. It was followed by two Chinese Sword Dances. The fancy Tango, featured by Miss Laratesor and Mr Hugh Goldie, arranged by Mr G. Goncharoff drew much applause. The grand Fashion Parade consisted of twenty five girls displaying beautiful dresses of the four seasons. The material of the dresses were donated by The Wing On Co., the Sincere Co., the Sun Co., Kim Mun Lady Tailor, Mo Kee Co., and the Brook Co., designed by Mo Kee, Kim Mun and Mrs Charles Gray.

The Grill Room was packed and among the notables were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Madame Sun Fo, Madame C. C. Wu, Mr and Mrs Li Tze-fong, Mr and Mrs Chang Hing-hoi, Mr and Mrs Li Shu-pui, Mr and Mrs C. Y. Kwan, Mr and Mrs Lu Yeng-ming Mr and Mrs P. F. Fong, Mr Wong Hui-lai.

Dutch Contribute War Weapons

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Two more bombers were presented to the Royal Dutch Navy by the "Prince Bernhard Fund," which acts as a worldwide Dutch War Weapons Committee.

Altogether 64 Spitfires and 23 bombers have now been presented to the Dutch and British forces by Free Dutch all over the world.



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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

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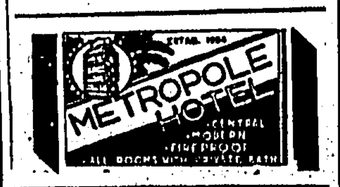
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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

F. C. MOW FUNG,
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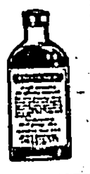
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The Netherlands Minister to China Mr Hendrik Bos, who is normally stationed at Chungking, is now visiting Hongkong.

DORMAN SMITH FOR BURMA

Governor-designate

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Central News).—An informal send-off luncheon party in honour of Governor-Designate for Burma Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, was given to-day by Mr Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, at the Chinese Embassy here.

Other guests invited included Mr Cecil Rogers of the Bank of England and also member of the Anglo-Chinese Equalisation Fund Committee, who has recently arrived from China; Mr Sterndale Bennett of the Far Eastern Department of the British Foreign Office, Dr P. W. Kuo, Chinese Vice-Minister of Finance, Mr Chen Wei-cheng, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in London, Mr Tan Pao-shen, Chinese Consul-General in London, and Mr Lee Teh-yoh, Manager of the London Office of the Bank of China.

Sir Reginald is leaving shortly for Burma to assume his office.

South China Fighting

Attack On Tamshui

WAICHOW, Feb. 24 (Central News)—A sudden attack was made by Chinese troops against Tamshui on the night of February 18. The Chinese broke through the Japanese lines and killed many and destroyed Japanese defence works.

Early in the morning a Japanese unit from Tamshui made another attempt to re-take Lungkong, about 15 miles north of Shumchun. After encountering stiff resistance, it retreated with casualties to Wongkong, six miles to the east of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Another Japanese unit from Tamshui simultaneously made an attack at Sunhu, a nearby village, to forage food. It was waylaid and driven back.

Chinese troops are reported to have evacuated Nanjih Island off the southern Fukien coast after severe fighting.

No Evacuation Of Oilfields

Bucharest Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is officially denied that civilians in the Rumanian oil fields will be evacuated.

An official communique issued in Bucharest reads: "The Council of Ministers has been informed that in the oilfield region there exists the greatest uneasiness among the inhabitants owing to reports that the population will be evacuated as a precaution against possible attacks by British bombers. The report is hereby categorically denied."

It is announced that the railway services will return to normal next Wednesday. It is recalled the train schedules were altered when the German troops began arriving.

MENZIES SEES CHURCHILL

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, saw Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, during the week-end and had a lengthy conversation on matters bearing on his visit to Britain.

On Monday afternoon he had a talk with the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne.

Attending War Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will attend meetings of the War Cabinet during his visit to England, it was officially announced to-day.

Cargoes Refused To Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NOUMEA, Feb. 24 (UP).—Authorities to-day refused iron ore cargoes for two Japanese vessels which have been anchored at Noumea for nine days. Officials said that Japan's quarterly allotment of 24,000 tons had already been exceeded.

THE TURNING POINT IN CONVALESCENCE

When the crisis is past in illness, recovery may still be a long way off. The real turning point for the better comes when the patient begins to fill out and pick up noticeably from day to day.

decisive factor in that quick recovery is good food. When patients cannot take solid meals and have a disinclination for most kinds of food, doctors give them Horlicks. Horlicks is so light, that the most delicate stomach can assimilate it, so delicious that the most finicky appetite responds to it. It is a complete food in itself, balanced, highly nutritious, full of the elements that the wasted body needs to restore shattered nerves and build healthy tissues.

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T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	102¾
T.T. India	82⅛
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6½

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24⅞
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03½

PRESS GANG IN SHANGHAI

Chinese Kidnapped For Military Service

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—A virtual reign of terror now prevails in the Yangtszepoo district in Shanghai as a result of the activities of the Japanese press gang in conscripting Chinese residents for military service, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

As many persons are reported to have been kidnapped, most of the Chinese inhabitants there are now confining themselves indoors and dare not venture out lest they be seen and spirited away by the Japanese. It is reported that among those already conscripted by the Japanese are included some Chinese in the employment of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Atrocity Story

ENSHIH, Feb. 23 (Central News).—A story alleging revolting and beastly behaviour by a party of Japanese soldiers in a village in Central Hupeh, just received here, has aroused the greatest indignation among the people.

On January 30, according to report, a party of some ten Japanese cavalrymen and about 50 infantrymen raided Changchiachang village near Tienmen. After plundering the shops, they set on a wild rampage criminally assaulting many Chinese women in the nearby villages.

A peasant named Wu Chiang-kwan, aged 70, was arrested by the Japanese and ordered to carry the loot for them. The old man indignantly demurred and came into a fistic fight with his captors, and was instantly killed.

On the same day, another party of Japanese at Taihwangwan went to Wangchiacheng village and embarked on a similarly foul mission.

LUFTWAFFE ON THE MOVE

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Large reinforcements of the Luftwaffe have left Austria for Rumania and Italy in the past few days, according to reliable reports received here.

Units of the ground staff have also been going to Italy.

RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.45 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

Cesar Frank's Prelude Choral and Fugue

Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c's. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c's. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 **Greta Keller (Vocal) and Billy Thorburn and His Music.**

1.00 Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.

1.03 **Variety.**

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 **Mozart—Concerto in A Major.**

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 **Indian Programme.**

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 **Compositions of Sibelius.**

Karelia Suite, Op. 11; Alla Marcia—Intermezzo....London Philharmonic Orchestra; Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides," Op. 73....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult; Slickan Kom Ifran Sin Asklings Mote...Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano acc.; Finlandia—Tone Poem, Op. 26, No. 7....Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 **London Relay—The News.**

7.15 **London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'.**

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 **Portuguese Programme.**

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 **'Band Waggon'.**

With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

8.25 **Charlie Kunz at the Piano.**

8.35 **Film Selections.**

'Everybody Sing'—Film Selection.. Louis Levy and His Orchestra; Stars Over Broadway—Selection; Rise and Shine—Selection Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band; 'Thanks for the Memory'—Two Sleepy People; 'Big Broadcast of 1938'—New Thanks for the Memory Bob Hope and Shirley Ross (Vocal); 'Everything in Rhythm'—Selection.....Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal.

9.00 **London Relay—The News.**

9.15 **London Relay—'Question of the Hour'.**

9.30 **Elgar—Frossart Overture, Op. 19.**

("When Chivalry lifted up her lance on high"—Keats)....London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

9.43 **Cesar-Franck—Prelude, Choral and Fugue.**

Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.45 **News in French (on Short Wave Only).**

10.00 **London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.**

10.15 **Brahms—Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115.**

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Andantino-Presto non assai, ma con sentimento; 4th Mov: Con moto—Un poco meno mosso....Busch Quartet and Reginald Kell (Clarinet).

10.50 **Brahms Gypsy Songs.**

The Madrigal Singers.

11.00 Close Down.

Willkie Asked To Visit Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Australian Government have officially invited Mr Wendell Willkie to visit Australia, announced the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Fadden, to-day.

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Seven-a-side Rugby Games To-morrow

The following are the Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament fixtures for to-morrow on the Club ground:

4.50 p.m.—8th Heavy "A" v. Combd Small Units "A". Referee, J. S. Riddell.

5.10 p.m.—Police "A" v. B & S. Referee, Lt Piric.

5.30 p.m.—M'sex "B" v. Club "B". Referee, J. Redman.

5.50 p.m.—H.K. Bank v. Tamar and S/S. Referee, Major Curran.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday says:

The Races were resumed to-day and as a result the market is very quiet.

Buyers

Canton Ins. $215
Union Ins. $411
Lands 4% Debentures $97.50
Lights "O" $6.10

Sellers

Hotels $3.60
Humphreys $7.05

Sales

H.K. Govt 3½% Loan (1934) 95
Lights "O" $6.25
Electrics "O" $41.75
Telephones "N" $9.90

Bomber, B.W.O.F. Funds

Acknowledgments

A total of $1,584,078.03 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

Miss Marion Potter (seventh donation)	$100
Mr D. E. Davis (In memory of Dick Slattery)	10
A. & R. M.	1
Hongkong Aquarium Society (In memory of the late Mr R. E. Slattery)	10
Mr and Mrs B. E. Sugars (In memory of the late Mr R. E. Slattery)	10
Hongkong Electric Recreation Club	250
"Unexpected Win"	68.50

B.W.O.F.

The following are subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:

Previously acknowledged, £100 and $648,633.78.

Dr K. W. Chaun (monthly), $30; Anonymous, $5; Lam Fook-lye (monthly), $20; Anonymous, $10; John Forbes (monthly), $25; Mrs M. M. Drake (monthly), $10; Davis, Brook & Gran (monthly), $70; Sale of renovated toys per Messrs Millington Ltd, $50; M. G. Carruthers (monthly), $15; Q.A.I.M.N.S. Mess (monthly), $15; D. W. Hume (monthly), $10; Members of the Indian Coy of the H.K. Police Reserve (April/December 1940), $156.40; Rev. and Mrs T. A. Broadfoot (monthly), $5; D. C. Edmondston (monthly), $250. Total $649,305.18.

Chinese Sympathy

Contribute Generously To Lord Mayor's Fund

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Forwarding £64 to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund from members of their Chinese staff in China, a London business firm wrote: "We feel that this proof of sympathy with the British cause is viewed at the other end of the world as a worthwhile dividend on the generous help given by the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund a couple of years ago to China."

Antiguans Contribute

LONDON, Feb. 24 (British Wireless).—The people of Antigua have given £500 for the purchase of aircraft, making total gifts of £1,660.

Man Blows Himself Up With Dynamite

A man committed suicide in an hotel at Buffalo recently by blowing himself to pieces with dynamite.

He was William Wright, 40.

Police said that Wright had been told to move from the hotel because he had not paid his board.

He spent most of the night sitting in the lobby.

The explosion of the dynamite did not injure anyone else in the lobby.

Isolationists And Lease, Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The well-known Isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, told pressmen to-day that if the Lease and Lend Bill was passed, its opponents would conduct a coast to coast campaign in an effort to keep the United States out of war.

U. S. Submarines In Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

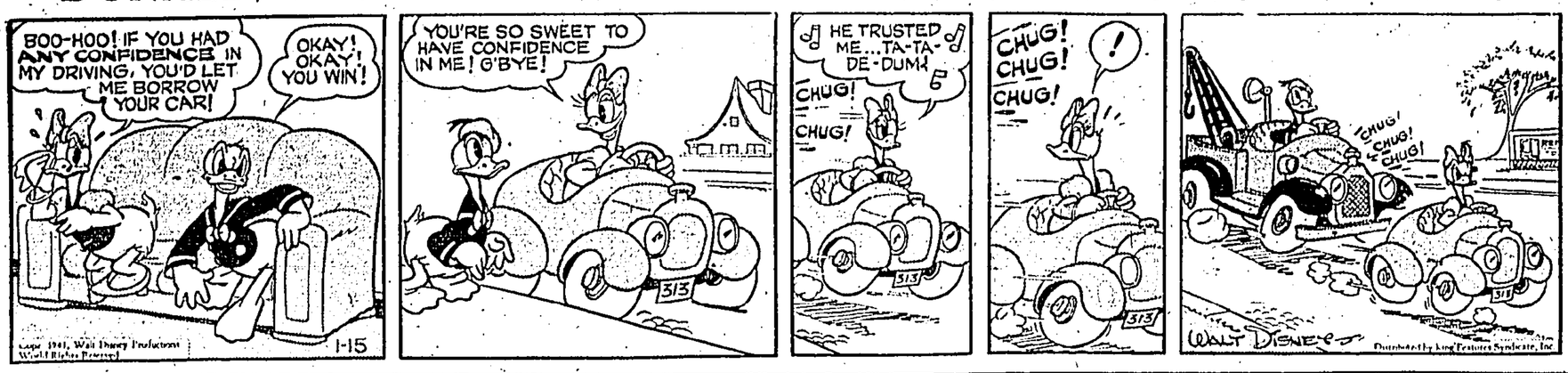
NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (UP).—The National Broadcasting Company reported to-day that according to a B.B.C. announcement, 60 United States submarines have arrived in the Philippines.

SENTENCED

Four Soviet industrial leaders have been sentenced to death on charges of alleged "damage to the State" amounting to £124,000. One of the condemned men was the head of the Kiev State Vodka factory, Galperin, who was described as the "leader of a gang of bandits." It was alleged that he and his confederates stole petrol and spirit from the factory by putting half-filled bottles of factory produce on the market and selling the remainder to private illegal dealers.

Library, Supreme Court

DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney



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ENJOYMENT IN EVERY CUP
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"You hoid me!—I said I like to do de little pois'nal t'ings myself!"

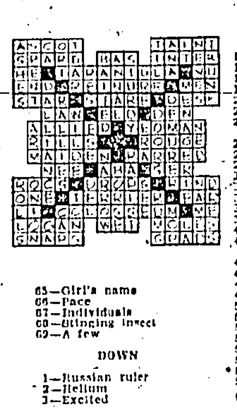
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Demonstrative pronoun
5—Tilted up
10—Specks
14—Mournful sound
15—Regular steamer
16—Bind
17—Medicinal plant
18—Got up
19—Unaspirated
20—Sort again
22—Came to point
24—Among
25—Make lace
26—Physical
30—Commander
34—Image
35—Found by scent
37—Rorkfish
38—Sign of zodiac
39—Companion
40—Twice (music)
41—Bewildered
42—Remainder
45—Eject
46—Did secretly
48—Adds water to
50—Confederate general
51—Permit
52—Be worthy of
56—Instrumental virtuoso
60—Pixes
61—Trojan
63—Combining form: within
64—Soil

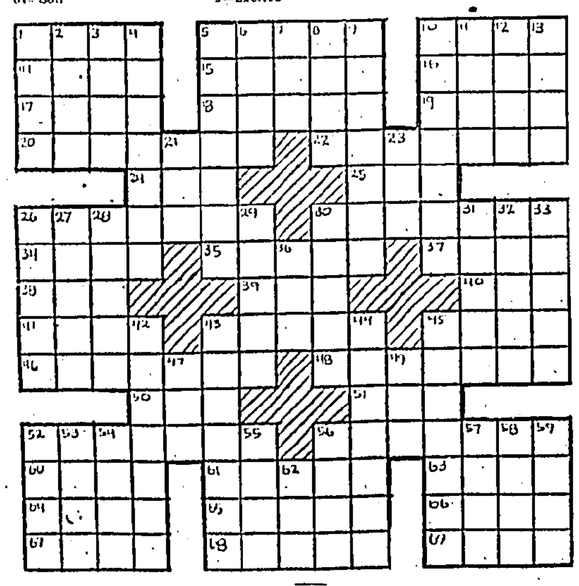
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



65—Girl's name
66—Pace
67—Individuals
68—Stinging insect
69—A few

DOWN

1—Russian ruler
2—Helium
3—Excited
4—Pertaining to heat
5—Owner of famous lamp
6—Wheel rim
7—Daughter of Cadmus
8—For fear that
9—Acted as host
10—Eraser
11—Above
12—Prong
13—Snow vehicle
21—River island
23—Kitchen vessel
26—Bottom of window frame (pl.)
27—Greek theater
28—Large deer
29—Was equal to
30—Frozen
31—Answer argument
32—Fragrant seed
33—Endures
36—Halt
42—Special skills
43—Passing through holes
44—Coarse shirts
45—Externally
47—Greek soul
49—Meadow
52—Antic (col.)
53—Ireland
54—Painful
55—Spirit
56—Agreement
57—In
58—Hold back
59—Buddhist shrine
62—Girl's name



Count the
"TELEGRAPHS"
everywhere

The Dutch East Indies has lately come very much before the public eye. Although the islands have become modern in many respects, certain native customs still hold sway. . . .

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Balinese Idea Of A Toothless Heaven

In this article, John Raleigh, who is on a visit to the Indies as representative for United Press, describes a strange and little-known Balinese ritual. . . .

If you dislike the dentist's drill, imagine the sensation of having your teeth filed half down to the gums!

The ordeal is one that is faced several times during the life of a Balinese. The people of Bali embrace the Hindu religion, and believe that filing away half their teeth enables them to become highly acceptable when entering heaven.

The rites are also undergone in the belief that levelled teeth, though partially destroyed, will equip a pious Hindu to eat the soft foods of Paradise.

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Because their bicuspids are no longer uneven when they die, the only foods that will be served to them upstairs will be practically mush which, to the Balinese mind, means the pap of celestial luxury.

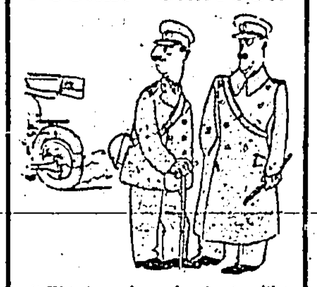
Stoicism and self control govern the victims while a "filer", who goes from village to village, saws merrily away.

The girl relations of a local rajah went under the file calmly at a big filing ceremony recently near Denpasar. Their fortitude was remarkable through the operations, though no pain-killing drug was administered before, or during, the filing.

Preceded by the incantations of a high priest, the girls laid down on their backs and "took it" without a whimper. The only signs that they felt pain were muscle twitches and a swelling of the neck.

Though they clasped their hands in front of them no white knuckles showed, nor were finger nails dug into their palms. They were dressed in head-dresses of gold leaves and robes covered with sparkling gems.

POCKET CARTOON



"That's what I don't like about all this mechanisation. Before you can give a man a good dressing down for not saluting he's miles away."

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The girls' ages ranged from twelve to fifteen. They seemed as elated when the filing was finished as any of us stepping from the dentist's chair with the welcome phrase of "that's all for a year or so" ringing happily in our ears.

Several times, while the filing went on, an old woman, the girls' nurse, who had no teeth at all, would examine the job and shake her head. Back went the little princesses, and more filing followed until the old woman was satisfied.

These of the same caste as the rajah's relations sat and watched cheerfully, talking and laughing as the file's rasp sounded throughout the pavilion prepared for the occasion.

After a few years the nerveless teeth drop out, but heaven's door is all the more accessible for that. And toothless jaws do not bother a Baliness. lives. Apparently they do not feel pain as we do, or are far less sensitive. They take it and like it.

Besides, the occasion calls for feasting and drinking on a big scale.

High caste natives have their teeth filed four or five times during their

The setting of the royal filing would have pleased the critical eye of a Ziegfeld for colour and oriental grandeur.

The realism of a Belasco production was present as well.

The girls were borne to the pavilion on chairs carried by gaily-caprisoned young men and boys. The bearers' costumes were fancifully sewn with gold from the waist down. Upwards from the midriff, plain brown skin was topped by bright colour-splashed turbans. Spearmen went before the procession, while a native orchestra rattled, boomed, and chimed on its primitive instruments.

Watching the procession were old men and women who spat crimson betel nut juice regularly. Pigs, village mongrels and chickens intermingled under the feet of the marchers. Smells varied from incense to refuse.

The priest waited in the pavilion. He had gold ornaments interwoven with flower buds in his hair, and was draped in a white sarong.

His chanting was strangely familiar. In loud tones and long drawn out Hindu proverbs, he imitated a Grand Central train announcer to perfection.

Then he stepped aside, and beckoned to the filer, who thrust pieces of bamboo between molars, and went to work. The onlookers chattered while the file sung its angry refrain.

When the girls had lost half their front teeth, dentine, nerve and all, the feasting began. Native whiskey was served to the priests and a visiting rajah, who wore his best bib and tucker—a dirty white shirt, bilious green necktie, sarong and sandals.

The orchestra redoubled its efforts and dances followed. Betel nut juice stained the dirt everywhere, and a bang-up celebration concluded the show.

The girls expressed their gratitude to one and all that heaven was a step nearer.

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All sizes. from $7.95



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from $3.50

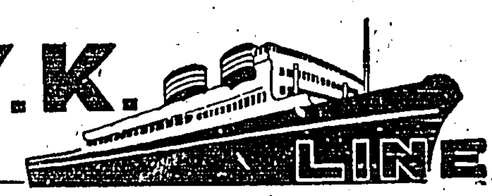
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CHILDREN'S DEPT.

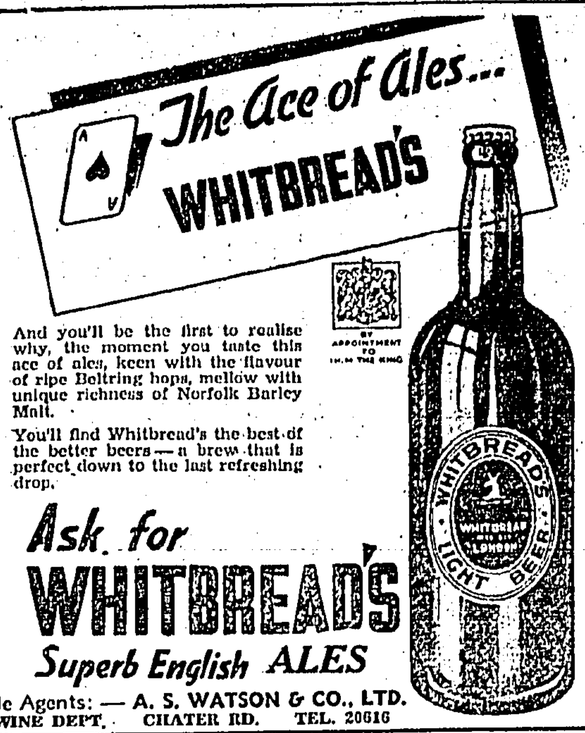
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• Sakito Maru (starts from Kobe) . Sunday, 16th Mar.
NEW YORK via Japan & Panama
• Awata Maru Thursday, 20th Mar.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila.
Husimi Maru Wednesday, 26th Feb.
MADRAS
• Delagoa Maru Monday, 3rd Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
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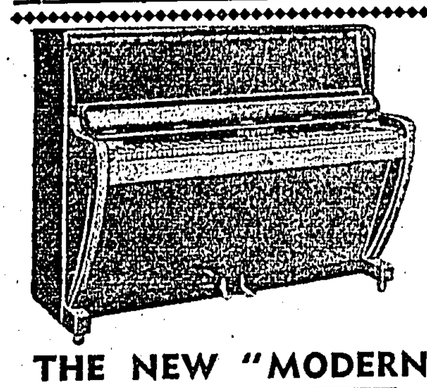


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"BOTTLED" AURORAE

WITH increased emphasis now being placed on the possibility of airlane travel in the upper atmosphere, and with much research work being pointed in this direction, the exact reproduction of the aurora borealis in the laboratory of Professor Joseph Kaplan and Dr S. M. Ruben of the University of California assumes much more than mere academic importance.

Almost the only clues to conditions between 20 and 100 miles above the earth's surface are given in these displays of home-made "northern lights." The upper atmosphere acts like a giant neon tube whose gases (helium, nitrogen and oxygen, according to Dr Kaplan and Dr Ruben) are excited and give off light whenever a prolonged flash of "current" from a discharge of high voltage energy is sent earthward from the sun. Such energy is attracted earthward to the magnetic poles, but there is sufficient voltage spread through the nonpolar atmosphere to cause excitation of ionized atoms for a considerable distance toward the equator.

Strangely, the investigators found they had to go to high pressures in the laboratory to reproduce the low pressure auroral phenomena, and that the higher the pressure the better the reproduction. In fact, every so-called "forbidden" line or band in the spectrum of the aurora has now been produced in the laboratory; all were found in the auroral afterglow.

Not only will these studies aid physicists and meteorologists working on upper air problems, which can now be investigated in the laboratory, but the experiments will also aid the study of light from stars and the identification of characteristics which heretofore have been cut out or distorted by the earth's atmosphere.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

RACIAL POLICY

By BILLIKEN



The Valkyrie: "Bertha... Bertha, come here at once... that dog is not an Aryan!"

DISTRUST VERSUS DEFENCE

By Roscoe Drummond

The loan-lease bill presents no new issue. It is pretty breath-taking only because it presents an old issue so boldly and so bluntly. It startles because it comes right to the point where we are called upon to translate words into deeds.

The loan-lease bill is an enabling act. In every possible way the American people have shown that they are united in their intention to aid Britain and her Allies to win the war. The purpose of this pending legislation is to enable the United States to aid Britain and her Allies fully and speedily.

In all candour, this is not an act of charity or altruism. It is an act of self-defence. It rests upon the proposition that Britain's defeat of the Axis now with American aid is the best possible guarantee that the United States will not have to fight the Axis in the future with no aid whatsoever.

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It is evident that the loan-lease bill has majority support in the country and in Congress. Its central object—that of rendering powerful and if possible decisive aid to the democracies—is not under strong attack. Its central method—that of producing the armaments in American factories at American expense and loan-leasing them, mostly to Britain, is widely accepted.

What, then, is the real issue that has to be resolved if America is to become the arsenal for democracy—an arsenal capable of arming the men and the morale of the free nations fighting to turn back the Axis assault on all freedom?

The truth of the matter is—and in large part it explains the grave lags in defence production itself—there is a genuine hesitancy to trust the President with the vast industrial, financial and international powers necessary to make American aid to Britain soon enough, fast enough and strong enough.

President Roosevelt himself, at a press conference recently, recognised the concern which many feel at concentrating such authority in the hands of a Chief Executive already invested with greater powers than any predecessor. Mr Roosevelt made it as clear that he is not eager for the powers which flow to the White House under the loan-lease bill. He said that to meet effectively the threat of war they must be exercised by someone and inevitably they go to the President.

> The aid to Britain legislation, and the lag in defence production, analysed by a noted Washington columnist whose views, as regularly published in the "Christian Science Monitor," are widely respected and discussed.

There is considerable room for modifications in the terms of the loan-lease law without limiting its objectives. A time limit can be placed upon the powers it bestows. The strategic experts of the Army and Navy could be required to certify that the material could be spared, although this is as much a matter of high policy as it is military policy. The bill doesn't need to empower the President to give away or as the term is, "otherwise dispose of" the armaments. Some restriction could also be placed upon the authority of the President to take sides in any and every war which might appear to grow out of the present conflict.

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The question is not whether this grant of power is ideal. The question is whether there is any practical alternative. Democracy must know when it must delegate its power as well as when to harbour it.

The loan-lease programme means, in a word, all aid to Britain short of manpower. That is the most significant decision which Congress and the American people can make with respect to the war. Because any policy is a risk of war, this is a risk of war. It means that the United States is resolved to accept the risk of aiding Britain vigorously and fully rather than run the risk of aiding Britain weakly and partially.

But there will be no vigorous aid to Britain until supplies begin to roll from the production lines faster than they are now.

Why does production still grievously lag at vital points, as the President plainly said in his message to Congress recently? Why has not industry veritably leaped to the task which the "terrible urgency" of the crisis demands? Why is the manufacture of aircraft 30 per cent below schedule and the manufacture of actual combat planes even below that?

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The frank answer is that both organised industry and organised labour are putting suspicion above co-operation and this suspicion affects their relations between each other and with the Administration.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected industrialists high in the defence councils, industry as a whole remains deeply distrustful of the Administration and is apprehensive that the President will be eager to use the emergency as a means of acquiring vast peace-time controls over private enterprise.

Notwithstanding the presence of respected labour leaders high in the defence councils, labour as a whole remains fearful that the pressure of the emergency will be used as a means of permanently breaking down the social legislation it has worked so hard to win. It is suspicious of management. It is uncertain about the Administration itself.

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A perhaps simpler way of putting this is to say that the United States cannot disunite itself behind a class struggle and at the same time unite itself behind defence. Until this question is resolved, the all-out effort to produce, produce and produce will not be made.

To put defence first does not mean that there are not grounds for suspicion and need for alertness. There are. But the urgent issue is this: Defence production will not rise at the rate the crisis requires unless industry and labour wholeheartedly join in, irrespective of immediate doubts and distrusts. Suspicions need not be erased, but they will have to be suspended until the main goal is reached.

There will be no future freedom for either private enterprise or for labour within the United States unless they both unite now to preserve the greater freedom of the United States itself.

LONDON'S WOMEN CARRY ON

By Phyllis M. Lovell

London.

Life for the London housewife is made up at the present time of strenuous happenings. Upon her fall the responsibilities of keeping the home going, of shopping in haste between the shriek of warning sirens, of making skilled use of those foods which happen to be available when she sallies forth with her basket, of contriving to eliminate all kinds of waste and of saving all paper, bones and metals. She must see to the safety of her family by day, and she must make sure—so far as she is able—that her family sleeps as well as may be by night.

Going about during the day, one comes constantly in touch with women who, unaided by the excitement of direct action, are carrying the responsibilities of British home life. They are calmly courageous.

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I overtook a group of three working girls as they entered one of the parks. They were hatless, but meticulously neat. One of them was recounting the affairs of the previous night to the other two. I could catch only a part of the recital.

"So there's no furniture now. At least, not much. A bed and two chairs, and them's rather messed up. But one can't grumble. Other folks—" The three passed out of earshot and I missed the rest.

A grandmother of my acquaintance, sleeping in an underground shelter the other night heard the sound of an incendiary bomb upon the roof of her building. Barefooted, and quite alone, she ran up the six stories to her front door, discovered the lighted bomb upon the floor of her sitting room, collected it in her coal shovel, threw it out into the garden and then successfully put out the fire it had started.

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By the same evening all was ship-shape once more. She had even gone to the lengths of repairing her ceiling. When neighbours recognised the fact that she had probably saved more than a dozen homes, she made light of it. "Any sensible person," she said, "would have done the same."

London's ordinary home women are doing great things. They are handling matters in the present emergency in a way which goes near to surprising themselves and certainly almost bewilders those who are privileged to look on.

Lawyers' Waste Paper

Records Problem

An interesting situation has arisen between the Ministry of Supply, which wants waste paper, the lawyers, who have a great deal of waste paper, and the British Records Association, which wants to have waste paper from lawyers' offices sorted by experts before it is pulped.

Cannot Be Persuaded

The lawyers themselves are alive to the danger that in any clear-out of their offices historical documents may be destroyed. The current issue of Law Notes says that an autograph letter of Warwick, the King-maker has been found recently.

A woman member of the Records Association complains that solicitors "cannot be persuaded" that it needs an expert to decide whether their old papers are of historical value or not.

One sees her point of view. But where, in war-time, with the Ministry of Supply waiting on the mat, does she expect to find the vast army of experts that would be necessary?

Library, Supreme Court

HITLER CONTINUES HIS BOASTINGS: TIRADE TO PARTY IN BEER CELLAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

MUNICH, Feb. 24 (UP).—"It makes no difference whether we meet the enemy in the North Sea or the Mediterranean; wherever British boats appear our submarines will be ready for them," boasted Hitler when addressing cheering Nazi partyites in the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, marking the 21st anniversary of the Nazi Party.

He declared that Democratic Germany had deserved the Versailles Treaty, despite the concessions promised them by the American President.

Hitler started his speech at 5.15 p.m. and finished at 6.32, in the course of which he lengthily reviewed the Party's history.

He said: "From the beginning the Party was only for the German people in their entirety."

Hitler averred that the present ties with Italy were indissoluble.

Referring to Nazi methods he declared: "We needed hard methods; we were tough because we had to be tough. We wanted to antagonise certain groups, especially the intellectuals, because this movement could only be built by the people with their sentiment, soul and heart."

Hitler's Boasts

He declared that armament production was the "proudest achievement of all time. I am an expert. I am a specialist in armaments. I know what steel and aluminium are good for."

Commenting on the outside hopes that the German morale will weaken, he said. "I suppose there may be a few fools here in Germany who think of revolution. They predict that winter will beat Germany. We are pretty well winterproof. We stood thousands of winters. Hunger may come before us." He asserted that he felt particularly physically fit.

After praising the armed forces, he declared "God's blessing for this struggle is sure. With fanatical confidence I look to the future."

"Trial of Strength"

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—In a tirade lasting an hour and a half, broadcast from the Munich Beer Cellar to-day, Hitler forecast that a "trial of strength" with Britain would come in the spring.

Threatening an immediate intensification of submarine warfare, he exclaimed: "New U-boats are now ready."

He revealed his intention to use the conquered peoples of Europe to increase German armaments when he declared: "I have used the power of the German nation for this purpose in good time. I am resolved to use Europe for the same purpose if necessary—in fact, I am doing so."

Sneering at Britain because she "had to look for victories" in the Middle East, he said: "We shall find them wherever they go and strike where our blows will be most destructive."

He affirmed that the ties between Germany and Italy are "indissoluble."

Versailles Again

The first part of Hitler's speech was, as customary, taken up with a review of the history of the Nazi movement and a denunciation of the Versailles Treaty.

"It is seldom that a politician can face the same audience 21 years after he first addressed it to repeat to them the same programme he presented on the day of the foundation of the Party," exclaimed the Fuehrer.

The speech was broadcast from all German stations and relayed to Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia, Finland and Switzerland. Many Reich Ministers and Gauleiters were present in the Munich Beer Cellar.

"I have studied the Versailles Treaty as no other man did," exclaimed Hitler. "I have not forgotten it even to-day."

Not Fleecing Others

Exclaiming that Germany was not fleecing others but was following a form of economy which was of use to Germany, Hitler said: "States cannot be built on capitalism. Those who think that they can prevent the rising of the people by waging war will find that they have only speeded it up. It will not be the gold standard which will emerge from this war."

Hitler finished speaking after an hour and a half at 5.45 p.m.

Paying a special tribute to women Nazis who "have always stuck to me even in bad times," Hitler said that Nazi methods were unattractive to many but "I was a soldier from the front where I got used to a rough time."

After speaking for 45 minutes, Hitler's historical review had reached the year 1923.

Relations With Mussolini

Referring to his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "When I have chosen a man, I stick to him. The bond which unites our revolutions is insoluble, and it is the same with two men. If there is a time when one of them is better off and the other worse off, the former will help the latter because it is the common enemy that we are going to defeat."

"Numerous warships are tied up in the Mediterranean. Numerous British planes are tied up in North Africa. Numerous British land forces are also tied up and it is only now that our sea warfare will start. We have been waiting for our new U-boats."

"Two hours ago I received reports that German surface warships and U-boats had sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in two days, but in March and April a naval warfare will start such as the enemy has never expected.

"Wherever Britain touches the Continent we shall face her. Wherever British ships cruise, our U-boats will be sent against them until the hour of decision arrives.

"I have learned to wait but have not been idle during that time. Last autumn, the British said, 'If he tried to land now, it doesn't matter. In the spring of 1941, Britain will win her victories on the Continent.' Well, they have transferred their victories elsewhere and we have had to run after them, but we shall find them wherever they go and strike at them where our blows will be most destructive.

Hitler Gets Fresh

"The German nation and Army, Party and state, are indissoluble. Only a few fools could ever think of a revolution in Germany. I have taken many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious. I am grateful to fate that if this struggle was necessary it has come during my lifetime and while I am still feeling fresh and vigorous. I am feeling more fresh than ever now, for spring is coming and the time when we can measure our strength again. We have miraculous victories behind us. I am convinced that providence will bestow its blessings on us in future, to which I look with fanatic confidence."

Fantastic Claim

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Hitler's claim to have sunk over 200,000 tons of shipping is described by authoritative quarters here as fantastic and as far removed from the truth as such German announcements have usually proved to be.

It is recalled that the Germans claimed to have sunk the whole Jervis Bay convoy of 86,000 tons but in fact 33 out of the 38 ships came safely to port.

Yugo-Slavs Demonstrate

Cheer British Royalty

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Police emptied a cinema house here following a pro-British demonstration during showing of a news reel in which the British King and Queen appeared.

This action was taken after three official warnings had been given without effect and repeated attempts by the management to restrain the audience had also failed.

The showing of the news reel concerned has now been banned.

Iceland Becomes A Fortress

British Troops In Occupation

(FROM "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 24.—In the nine months since British troops occupied this remote island, no time has been wasted in converting it into a fortress of the far north.

Permanent camps have been laid out, roads built and defences constructed. Britain has now consolidated her northern-most military outpost of Iceland, and British Army Headquarters here are confident that no attempt by Germany to oust the British would have the slightest chance of success.

The troops are cheerful and in excellent health, although having to contend with an erratic climate.

The food is good, mostly bought locally, and sickness has been remarkably low. English beer is now brewed for the British troops by an Icelandic firm.

Intensive training has been carried out, including a mock invasion. Training in mobile warfare is a special feature. Special Arctic equipment has been issued and skis have been supplied in large numbers. British soldiers have taken well to skiing.

Interest In Languages

Vocational training is popular and there is a tremendous interest in foreign languages. Many officers and men already speak the local tongue fluently.

Local leave is often used to tour the waterfalls, hot springs and other sights of Iceland, but no home leave has yet been granted except in a few cases for compassionate reasons. Relations between the High Command and the Icelandic Government are excellent.

U.S. Army Finances

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is asking for over $3,000,000,000 for the Army's emergency defence needs.

The actual sum requested is $3,812,000,000. It is additional appropriation for the balance of the current fiscal year and includes $292,000,000 to expedite the production of equipment and supplies and $868,000,000 for the Air Corps.

Defence Orders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has placed aluminium and machine-tool producers on a mandatory priority basis under the defence programme.

Under this order which expires on May 31, defence orders must be given priority and in consequence supplies of such articles as household pots and pans may be delayed for a few months.

This is the first time that such action has been taken under the powers which were recently provided.

Nazi Sinking Claim Being Investigated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The German claim to have sunk a steamer called Canadian Cruiser is being investigated, Mr Sumner Welles (U.S. Under-Secretary of State) stated to-day.

The steamer was said to be flying the United States flag and carrying United States markings.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN E. AFRICA

Air and Land Co-operation

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—British operations in Italy's East African possessions continue to advance on all fronts.

Italian troops holding positions in Eritrea have been dispersed by British forces advancing from the north and many prisoners were taken.

The advance towards the south continues. On the road to Gondar, in Northern Abyssinia, the advance of British elements is developing satisfactorily.

The R.A.F. has been very active in various African battle zones. In Eritrea, a South African squadron yesterday destroyed eight Italian pursuit planes on the ground and damaged several others at Makale in a machine-gun attack.

Attack From Air

ADEN, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Aerodrome buildings at Adit Bala were extensively damaged by the R.A.F. in a raid, according to an R.A.F. communique.

Transport in the Dessie-Alomata area was bombed and machine-gunned. Lorries were damaged and casualties to personnel were caused.

The R.A.F. aircraft met with opposition but all got back safely.

SUCCESSOR TO SAYRE

Mr Cromwell Favoured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Discussion of a successor to Mr Francis Sayre, High Commissioner to the Philippines, if he is recalled to Washington, pre-occupied members of the Insular Department to-day. Some informed quarters predicted that someone with the career of a diplomat is likely to be designated.

Mr James R. Cromwell was the most prominently mentioned both on account of his experience in the diplomatic service and his connections in the Pacific. It is recalled that he had a home at Honolulu and has been to the Philippines four times. Mr Cromwell is a close friend of President Roosevelt and was received at the White House recently.

Well Liked

Although Mr Cromwell returned from Canada under a cloud, he is well liked in diplomatic circles, is considered to be forthright and has much personal charm. He would be inclined to follow Mr Paul McNutt's tradition although he is less ambitious, colourful or dynamic than Mr McNutt.

Mr Cromwell is understood to have made some preliminary contacts in pursuance of the appointment.

Banishee's Mother Love Excuse

With his head swathed in bandages, Lau Tak-fai, 36, unemployed, stood before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning to answer a charge of escaping from Victoria Prison on February 20 while being held on a committal warrant for breach of deportation order.

Lau pleaded guilty and added that the knowledge of his mother starving outside prompted him to escape as he wanted to provide for her.

The Police said that at 3 a.m. on February 22, a man was seen in suspicious circumstances by the watchman at St John's Hall, Hongkong University. The watchman followed the man and in trying to arrest him a scuffle ensued in which the defendant received injuries to his head.

Later when the Police were informed, a Chinese detective recognised him as the banishee who had escaped while waiting trial at the Criminal Sessions for returning from banishment.

It was stated that Lau had eight previous convictions.

He was sentenced to three months hard labour.

Eden Meets Catroux

Free French Forces

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—As soon as he arrived here, Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, received General Georges Catroux, leader of the Free French in the Middle East, it is now revealed.

Mr Eden congratulated General Catroux on the part played by the Free French forces in the defence of Egypt and against the Italians in Abyssinia and on the notable contribution which French soldiers, sailors and airmen were making in the fight against the common enemy.

Mr Fung Dies This Morning

Mr Fung Kwok-wa, compradore of the Green Island Cement Company, who was found on Sunday night in his bungalow at Customs Pass with his throat cut and suffering from lysol poisoning, died this morning at the Kowloon Hospital.

It is stated that Mr Fung's condition took a change for the worse at 1 o'clock this morning and he relapsed into unconsciousness from which he did not recover.

When servants broke into the locked bedroom of the Customs Pass bungalow they found Mrs Fung dead from chopper wounds and Mr Fung seriously wounded.

The funeral of Mrs Fung will take place this afternoon.

Churchill Receives Japanese

Fruitful Talks

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns from well-informed Japanese circles in London that the interview between the Japanese Ambassador and the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to-day was very fruitful and should greatly contribute to the dissipation of certain misunderstandings that have arisen between the two countries.

The Axis End

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 24—(Domei).—Mr Zembei Horikiri, Japanese Ambassador to Italy, left here for Berlin to-day.

The Ambassador is expected to confer with Lieut-General Hiroshi Oshima, new Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, at Berlin to discuss the current situation.

No Proposals Made

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—No proposals have been made by Britain regarding any Japanese move to the south, it is learned in London to-day.

There have been various contacts between the Japanese Ambassador and Mr Anthony Eden, and in Tokyo between Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Japanese statesmen.

At these exchanges, the British view of the dangers in the Japanese southward expansion has always been made clear, but these statements of views are in no sense proposals.

Mr Churchill's Reply

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is understood that Mr Churchill's reply to Mr Matsuoka emphatically stated that if Japan intended to suggest mediation in Europe, there was no grounds for it.

It is also reliably stated that he rejected Mr Matsuoka's suggestion that British moves are allegedly designed to encircle Japan, and explained that the British precautions were purely defensive in character.

U.S. EVACUATION OF THAILAND

Plans Going Ahead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is understood that the United States Minister, Mr Hugh Grant, informed the Foreign Office of the American evacuation plans at this morning's conference.

Mr Grant said that the action is being taken due to the continuance of abnormal and uncertain conditions in the Far East. He emphasized that his circular was not an order or a warning, but advisory only, and similar to the advice given American nationals in Japan, China and Indo-China.

He asserted: "It is not desired to cause any alarm or any unnecessary inconvenience to American citizens who will reach their own decisions in the matter.

There are approximately 150 Americans in Thailand at present.



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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Kowloon Virtual League Champions

J. M. Gosano Fails To Save Recreio On Heavy Wicket

THE WEATHER HAS been so foul for so long that one had almost forgotten that the cricket season was on. On last Saturday week everything was washed out—including the Races! I actually went down to the Valley to a lunch party which was not cancelled but the weather was bleak and horrible. In some ways last Saturday, it did not seem much better, but the grounds had dried up sufficiently to enable several games to be played. The star fixture was of course the K.C.C. and Recreio match when the former club managed to pull the game off and more or less made themselves secure for the Shield though there has not been so much interest in the competition this year, with the Army and Club out of it.

K.C.C. were fortunate to play on their own ground when meeting Recreio, but even their somewhat sheltered ground was none too good. The turf was of course very heavy, the weather cold with a strong wind blowing most of the time.

The Recreio, who were put in, played a rather typical innings. They so often have one batsman come off and the rest do nothing. So it was on Saturday. They could not get the ball away and could manage to average no more than just under four runs per over.

J. M. Gosano was the batsman who came off and he got 75 of their total of 128 for 9 wickets. Of the rest G. N. Gosano (12) alone got double figures. A team cannot hope to win on one batsman.

It might have been expected that the strong Recreio attack on the difficult wicket might have put up a surprise; but this year they do not seem to be in their best form and no one could do the trick. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano and Prata were expensive and ineffective though I have heard the fielding was not as good as it usually is. D. Hung (34) Anderson (46 not out) and F. J. Lay (30) made sure of victory though they did not manage to get beyond the rate of 5.6 runs per over. It is a pity that such an interesting and important match should have had to be played under such depressing conditions.

Junior Division

THE University second eleven once more proved the stolidity of their batting and the Craigengower bowlers could not get them out fast enough to force a win. They batted for 33 overs before declaring at 167 for 9 wickets and only left C.C.C. time for 26 overs.

J. C. Lo (47) D. Chelliah (49) and R. S. Gill (36) were chief scorers for the Varsity, but I regret to see there were three men run out. This shows want of coaching and I presume they did not read my lucubrations the other day on the art of running! Craigengower did not make much of things save for Hamson who scored 47 not out and they had made 92 for six when the end came.

I.R.C. And Police

THE Police are sore put to it to raise a full side and they did uncommonly well to give the Indians such a fight on Saturday. They got them out reasonably enough for 139 of which Wahab's 31 was top score. When L. Clarke (39) and H. Tyler (41) got together things looked good for the Police, but after them came the deluge which Shepherd mainly attempted to stem with a 23. As it was they only failed by three runs. I.R.C. have Abbas to thank for he took 6 wickets in eleven overs for 43 runs.

Non-League Games

IT was perfectly beastly at the Club ground when an "A" team of the Club took on the Recreio second eleven. Huddled up in a coat and woolly scarf, I thanked goodness I had not got to be out in the middle.

The ground had dried faster than I had expected owing, no doubt, to the strong wind that had been blowing all the morning, but it looked a bit of a snipe-marsh. Owing to the heavy outfield, runs came slowly and the principle of "blooming 'ard and blooming 'igh and blooming often" was the only one to speed up things.

Paterson (37), Carey (29) and Ilsley (23) were the principal scorers for the Club. Recreio would have been rather in difficulties but for A. E. Noronha's innings of 62. As it was, they were nine runs behind with four wickets to go when stumps were drawn. It must be remembered however that the Club had declared at 127 for 8 wickets.

Macauley Again

THE D.B.S. did well to get within four runs of C.S.C.C.'s 151 for 8 declared with only 7 wickets down. They owe it however, almost entirely to J. Macauley who made 91 not out. He has been doing very well this year, and I hope he will be able to stick to the game.

The Sunday Game

THE Recreio batsmen on their own ground on Sunday gave a very much improved display though they were up against Zimmern and Lloyd and also Perry. Batting ten men, they put up 181 runs. Wickets were shared, but it must be recorded that my old friend Ernie Zimmern went on to bowl!

Teddy Fincher returned to his old place as opening batsman and hit up 74, but Archie Zimmern's score of 31 and Perry's of 23 were the only others over twenty. It was a tight finish, but the Volunteers failed by five runs.

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Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders **ONLY** on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

U.S. BASKETBALL TOURISTS



A group picture of the American basketball stars of the 20th Century Fox Film Company when they appeared in a charity match at the Chinese "Y" on Saturday and trounced a local quintette.

SING TAO ON TOUR

Leaving Tomorrow For Philippines

THE SING TAO Sports Club leave Hongkong to-morrow to make a football tour of the Philippines at the invitation of the Philippines A.A. The party is comprised of two officials and 16 players.

In all, five matches will be played, and the tourists are expected back in Hongkong by March 17.

The team will be under the management of Mr. Aw Hoe, and Mr Law Chi-hing will act as Hon. Secretary.

The players are:

Cheung Wing-chol, Siu Tin-lim, Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon, Lau Tin-sang, Leung Yin-chan, Tsui Ah-fai, Sin Yau-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang, Yeung Shui-yick, Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-ki and Ip Pak-wa.

Leung Wing-chui is unable to obtain the necessary leave.

Badminton

Recreio Defeat Chinese "Y"

IN A CLOSE and thrilling game of badminton in the "A" Division of the League yesterday, Club de Recreio beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 5-4 at King's Park.

Not until the final round of games was the match decided. C. Au and H. Koh proved the weak link in the "Y" side, though in what now can be termed the deciding match, J. J. Remedios and H. Gonsalves only inflicted defeat by 23-22.

The scores were:

J. J. Remedios and H. S. Gonsalves lost to S. Koh and C. Y. Yung 16-21; lost to C. H. Wong and G. T. Lau 6-21; beat C. Au and H. Koh 23-22.

A. M. Silva and L. A. Carvalho lost to Koh and Yung 16-21; beat Wong and Lau 21-13; beat Au and Koh 21-15.

A. M. Rodrigues and M. A. Oliveira beat Koh and Yung 21-18; lost to Wong and Lau 9-21; beat Au and Koh 21-13.

Game Postponed

The game between University A and University B, scheduled for last night, was postponed to Friday.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
University "A"	4	4	—	33	3	8
University "B"	3	2	1	16	11	4
Recreio	5	2	3	14	31	4
Chinese "Y"	6	1	5	18	36	2

Leading Owners And Jockeys

The following are the lists of leading owners and jockeys at Happy Valley:

Owners

	1	2	3
Cire	4	4	3
Lan	4	3	3
T. K. L.	4	3	1
Eve	3	5	—
Necan	3	—	—
Li Po-chun	2	—	—
Eu Tong-sen	1	2	—
C. C. F.	1	1	—
Lee Chi-chok	1	1	—
Dynasty	1	1	—
P. and L.	1	—	1
Vilaja	1	—	1
Gredmaka	1	—	1
Shields and Stanton	1	—	—
Weetoo	1	—	—
Yeung Bros.	1	—	—
C. W. K.	1	—	—
Mrs A. E. Grasett	1	—	—
Hollandia	1	—	—
P. M. Hoo	1	—	—
Kia Ora	1	—	—
Kwok Yee-chan	1	—	—
C. I. Gregory	1	—	—
C. H.	—	2	—
S. K.	—	1	2
Lee Bros.	—	1	2
Marber	—	1	1
G. Tinson	—	1	1
Mrs Chung Ho-yen	—	1	1
Golf	—	1	—
Billy	—	1	—
Culture	—	1	—
G. A. Harriman	—	1	—
Kong Bros.	—	1	—
Wai Shiu-pak	—	1	—
S. W.	—	1	—
C. H. Chan	—	—	2
W. T. Stanton	—	—	2
C. N. K.	—	—	2
Pearstur	—	—	1
Bridge	—	—	1
Quartermaster	—	—	1
S. S.	—	—	1
Tools	—	—	1
Manetta	—	—	1
L. W. S.	—	—	1
T. L.	—	—	1
Colleng	—	—	1
E. S. K.	—	—	1
Lucky	—	—	1
S. W. Lee	—	—	1
Cocoa	—	—	1
Marber I	—	—	1

Jockeys

	1	2	3	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	4	2	14
H. C. Pih	4	3	2	12
C. B. Moller	3	4	3	8
F. Noodt	3	3	2	13
Ip Kui-ying	3	—	1	2
L. B. Chao	2	4	2	15
W. H. S. Davis	2	4	1	13
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	10
D. Black	2	—	5	12
H. J. A. Hearne	2	—	1	8
M. M. Sokoloff	1	4	2	10
W. G. Poy	1	3	—	11
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	9
A. D. Coppin	1	1	—	3
D. H. S. Craven	1	—	2	6
P. P. Botelho	1	—	2	14
B. L. Tao	1	—	2	21
H. J. Holden	1	—	1	—
R. M. Wood	1	—	—	7
K. W. Fung	—	1	—	1
D. G. Woo	—	1	—	2
S. L. Sung	—	1	—	9
L. J. A. Fielden	—	—	1	—
S. W. Tang	—	—	1	—
Tang Man-wa	—	—	1	4
G. Treverton	—	—	1	13
H. S. Chang	—	—	1	19
J. Barrow	—	—	—	1
M. F. L. Haymas	—	—	—	1
G. W. Cooper	—	—	—	1
C. C. Chan	—	—	—	1
S. W. Pan	—	—	—	2
B. A. Proulx	—	—	—	2
Chanson Feng	—	—	—	2
T. W. Chattey	—	—	—	3
K. L. Ip	—	—	—	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	—	—	—	3
C. L. Gregory	—	—	—	3
Chui Ki-fan	—	—	—	3
S. W. Lee	—	—	—	4
F. A. Sequeira	—	—	—	4
Ho Hong-ping	—	—	—	10
R. K. C. Chui	—	—	—	12
Hoo Pak-ming	—	—	—	12
S. L. Yuen	—	—	—	18

C. S. C. C. Cricket XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. juniors in a friendly Cricket match against Hongkong C.C. on Saturday at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:

H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G Stone and A. Watson.



PLAQUE FOR BOXER—Former Mayor Walker, left, presents Henry Armstrong with Neil memorial plaque for outstanding sportsmanship, at dinner in Ruppert's Brewery, New York. President Lowin of boxing writers, right.

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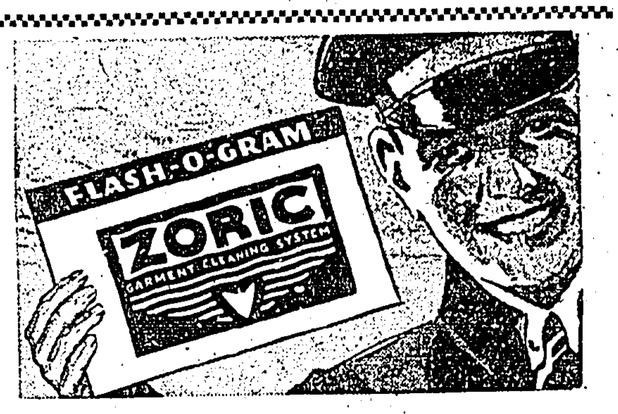
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Walter Neusel Scores T.K.O.

Schmeling Still In Excellent Trim

BERLIN, Jan. 27 (UP).—Walter Neusel technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the 10th round at the Deutschlundhalle last night in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight title.

Max Schmeling—who ranks as the European rather than German champion—made his first public appearance in several months when he was introduced to the cheering crowd before the fight.

Schmeling, who was in mufti, was accompanied by scores of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained a leave and had flown down from the training station especially for the fight, at which they were guests of honour.

No Definite Plans

Max stated to the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but he hinted he might meet the winner between Neusel and Lasek. He said he did not have any definite plans for the future, nor could he say if he would have a return bout with Champion Joe Louis whom he characterised as "the best of them all."

Schmeling, to whom the German press refers as "still the most popular of all German fighters," looked trim and in excellent condition. Max refused to give any details about his training as a parachute trooper and also refused to answer any questions bearing on the war.

During the interview, the former world champion was surrounded by scores of officers who were his military superiors.

Middlesex Win Six-mile Marathon Race

Combined Small Units met Middlesex Regiment in a six-mile marathon race yesterday afternoon, starting and finishing at the European Y.M.C.A. The race resulted in a win for the latter, who scored 121 points. Results were:

1, L/Cpl Dunne (Middlesex); 2, Pte Heather (Middlesex); 3, Cpl Hobson (Middlesex); 4, Dmr Merton (Middlesex); 5, Cpl Truscott (Signals); 6, Sig. Lithauer (Signals); 7, Cpl Cole (Small Units); 8, Pte Hughes (Middlesex); 9, Pte Coomer (Middlesex); 10, Pte Baker (Middlesex).

La Salle Athletics

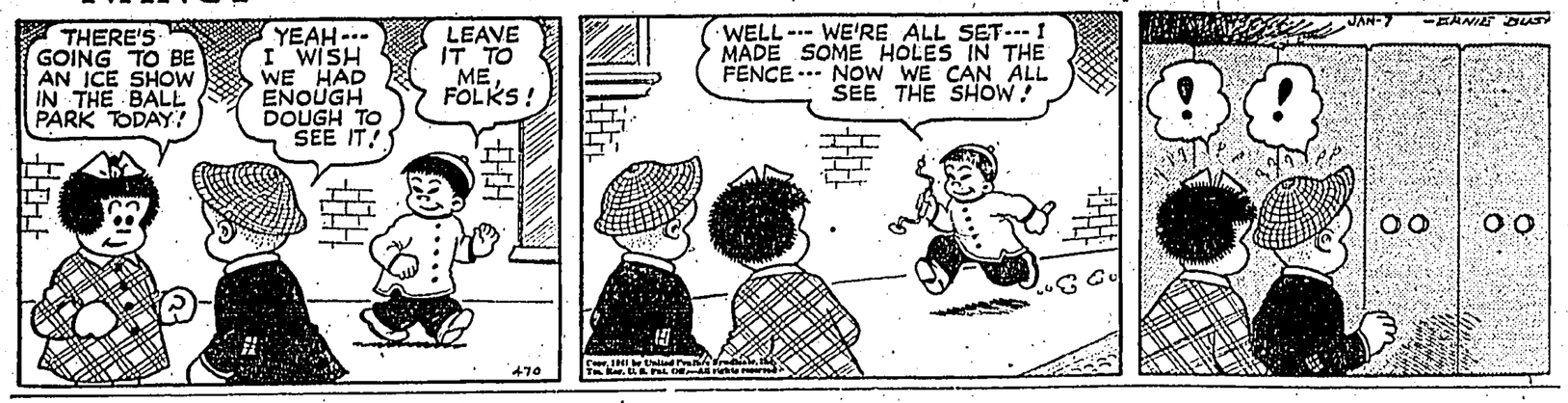
The tenth annual Athletic meeting of the La Salle College will be held on the College grounds on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m.

Children Sports

To-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m., on the Southorn Playground, Wanchai, the Children's Playground Association will hold their seventh annual Children's Sports. A football (small ball) match will be played at 4.30 p.m. and prizes will be presented at 5 p.m.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Invasion Ports Feel Power of The R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Further details of Sunday night's attack by the R.A.F. on the docks at Calais and Boulogne were given in an Air Ministry communique.

This communique states that large fires were started at Boulogne, many bursts being observed in the dock area.

At Calais, shipping and docks were set on fire.

One aircraft failed to return from these operations.

Few Bombs On Britain

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain during daylight to-day has been very slight, the only bombs reported being at a place in north Scotland.

Announcing this, the Air Ministry states that the bombs caused neither damage nor casualties.

Wing To Wing Fight Of Poles

King George's Inspection

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—King George, while making a tour of inspection of R.A.F. aerodromes recently visited several Polish squadrons.

His Majesty subsequently expressed his appreciation of the smartness and enthusiasm of the Polish airmen.

The Polish Commander-in-Chief, in reply, assured His Majesty that the Polish airmen are proud to fight wing to wing with the R.A.F. and consider it a privilege to be serving at the same time their own country and Britain in a common noble cause.

WOMAN WITH TREES FINED $80 WITH GAOL AS ALTERNATIVE

Chung Fung, 45, married woman, was fined $80 or in default two months' hard labour by Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Central Magistracy this morning for unlawful possession of 16 wild trees, valued at $80, at No. 3G Government Plantation, near Pottinger Gap, on February 24. Sub-Inspector W. L. Clark said defendant was also in possession of a chopper.

TERRORISM IN SHANGHAI

Nanking Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mr. Li Shih-chun, the Nanking Minister of Police and concurrently Director of Special Service headquarters, made a statement to newspapers and foreign correspondents last night declaring that he is determined to halt terrorism in Shanghai, "for the good of the international communities in Shanghai."

He declared that "terrorism has no place in Shanghai in our efforts to revive business, trade and prosperity for the good of all."

Referring to the recent bombing of the Nanking sponsored Central Reserve Bank of China, he said, "In Shanghai we still find many banks, the property of which belongs to the Chungking regime. We have never tried to molest or destroy them. We have always treated such property as the property of the Chinese nation and people."

Shroff Wanted On Charge Of Conversion

Szeto Toi, *alias* Szeto Sing-ken, former shroff of Messrs Dodwell and Company, who was wanted on a charge of fraudulent conversion of $6,588.56 of the firm's money to his own use and benefit on January 11, and for whose arrest a reward of $1,000 was offered, was apprehended by a party of Police led by Det.-Sergeant Cochrane at an address in Wanchai this morning.

H.K. Trams' World Records for Cheapness and Frequency

"For the third successive year we are able to say that new high records have been established in respect of traffic receipts, passengers and car-miles," declared the Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson when he presented the Chairman's speech at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd, held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd, at noon to-day.

Directors present included the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., and Mr A. H. Compton.

Others present were Mr L. C. F. Bellamy (General Manager), Mr W. F. Simmons (Secretary and Assistant Manager), and Messrs T. N. Chau, H. S. Hills, B. Wong Tape, D. V. Steavenson; F. W. Stapleton, James Seto, H. Gittins, M. H. Lo, Douglas Hung, Chon Seng-choo, H. W. Lee and John Fleming (Shareholders).

In his speech the Hon. Mr Paterson said:

Gentlemen,—With your permission I will, as usual, take the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1940 as read.

For the third successive year we are able to say that new high records have been established in respect of traffic receipts, passengers and car-miles.

Passengers at 74,208,000 are up by 3¼ million or 4.64% and traffic receipts are up by $153,000 or 5½%.

The profit for the year, before allowing for the new Corporation Profits and Property Tax, is $1,242,680 or less by $183,597 than the previous year's profit but this is more than accounted for by the new rate of 25% Royalty effective throughout the year as against a rate of 5% until September of the previous year. For 1940 this liability amounted to $374,468 against $147,402 for 1939—an increase of $227,066.

In other words we are handing over to Government in respect of new Taxation and Royalty on last year's working $510,072, an increase over 1939 of $363,269.

Two Extra Tramcars

As foreshadowed in the Chairman's speech last year, two additional tramcars were put into commission during 1940 bringing the total to 109. In this connection I have been asked to comment on an interview given to the Press last November by Inspector Saunders (head of the Traffic Branch of the Police) regarding the prevailing overcrowding of the Colony's trams and buses.

According to the "South China Morning Post" of November 8 last Mr Saunders said (inter alia) "owing to the war in Europe the local bus companies are finding difficulty in obtaining delivery of their orders, some of which were placed over a year ago) and as for the trams, our service is the most frequent in the world, and you cannot very well put any more of them on the rails." Asked to explain this Mr Saunders said that a recent check made on the tramway at the bottom of Garden Road showed that trams passed that point at the rate of 176 per hour in both directions which meant 89 per hour in one direction or one tram every ¾ minute.

A Fresh Check

"Where in the world do you get such a service?" he is alleged to have said, adding that he did not see how the Tramway Company could put any more cars on the rails. Consequently during the China New Year festivities last month a fresh check was made at the bottom of Garden Road.

On February 20, with 103 cars operating (30 of them on the short distance run Western Market-Causeway Bay) 218 cars passed per hour during the heavy traffic periods or 109 cars in each direction, or a headway between cars of 33 seconds. Thanks largely to the Hongkong Electric Company having provided an additional traction sub-station, no trouble (electrical or otherwise) was experienced but it is obvious that the claims of the workshop and paintshop and routine overhauls prevent a service of this great frequency being maintained normally without increasing the total of available vehicles. It is, therefore, the intention of your Directors to acquire a number of additional tramcars if the present congested conditions continue and when our British suppliers are in a position to execute our orders. Meanwhile we are still awaiting delivery of tramcar trucks, air brake equipments, traction motors, steel tyres and axles etc.

We now have 38 tramcars fitted with air brakes. We have placed orders for a further 40 equipments but delivery is exceedingly slow.

Track Work Postponed

Regarding the track, you were told last year that Causeway Road was to be raised and widened and that it would be necessary for us to construct a new double track between Causeway Bay and the western end of King's Road. This work has been postponed probably for the duration of the war.

We have experienced considerable trouble during the year in consequence of the shortage of one cent coins. Our fares of 6 cents first class and 3 cents third class (on all except Shaukiwan cars) whilst being exceedingly low are, at the same time, very cumbrous and necessitate an enormous amount of change. I am glad to say, however, that although there appears to be a continued shortage of one cent coins, the position has improved since the China New Year holidays.

On the subject of fares I told you from this Chair two years ago that our fares were amongst the lowest of any road passenger transport system in the world. The fare for the longest possible 3rd class tram ride in Hongkong, at the present rate of exchange, works out at 0.11 pence per mile, or 9 miles for a penny. Further, no charge is made for luggage although our bye-laws provide that nothing over a cubic foot in measurement will be allowed as personal luggage. Our conductors are taught to be tolerant and to allow any thing on the platform free of charge so long as it is not offensive or too unwieldy.

Fares Amongst Lowest

To quote Mr D. G. M. Bernard who presided at the annual meeting of this Company on February 27, 1928, "We do not do all this—and at our low fares—from philanthropic motives, but as part of the social and civic service which your Company is rendering to hundreds of thousands of the Colony's population"

Returning to the accounts, you will note an unusually high donations figure; this includes $25,000 subscribed to the South China Morning Post War Fund. The addition in the head "House & Other Property" represents purchase of an engineering staff residence at Broadwood Road conveniently located to our main Russell Street depot. The remaining detail is, I think, perfectly clear without special comment.

Deducting the War Taxation assessment of $136,203.60 in respect of Corporation Profits & Property Taxes and including the sum of $128,202.25 carried in from last year, the amount available is $1,234,739.08 of which $100,000 has been allocated to General Reserve Account.

Interim Dividend

An Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share was paid in August last and the Board now recommends a Final distribution of $1 per share making a total dividend of $1.50 for the year 1940, amounting to $975,000. This is the same as paid for 1939 and leaves the increased balance of $159,739.08 to be carried forward.

I now propose the Resolution:

"That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, as presented, be adopted and that a final Dividend of One Dollar per share, hereby declared, be paid for the year 1940."

In seconding the adoption of the report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts, Mr Chau took the opportunity of suggesting an increase in the Directors' fees being authorised.

Directors' Fees

He said:

I rise to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts and in doing so I must congratulate the Directors, the general manager and the staff on the exceedingly good results. What the Chairman has told us concerning the Hongkong Government's very substantial share in the fortunes of the Company is of particular interest. Although the shareholders are deriving benefit to the extent of $975,000 from the year's working the Government is benefiting by no less a sum than $510,000—due chiefly to the new high rate of royalty we now have to pay.

The fact that this very heavy increase in royalty and taxation liability has been met without reduction of dividend is a splendid achievement. The foresight that has been shown in preparing for this and the stability of the Company's position clearly shown by the accounts now before us, deserve the appreciation of all members of our Company.

I have made enquiries and find that fees paid as Directors' remuneration have remained unchanged since the time of incorporation in spite of the Company's progressive development indicated by the increase of passengers carried from 19,000,000 in the year 1922 to 74,000,000 in 1940. In view of the magnitude and success of the Company's business as revealed by the Chairman's speech I am of opinion that the time has arrived to reconsider this, and I am confident of the support of all present when I suggest that an increase in Directors' fees be authorised.

I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts."

Mr Hills then said that he entirely agreed with what Mr Chau had said and seconded the suggestion of increasing the Directors' fees.

Will Be Considered

Replying, the Chairman, on behalf of the Directors, thanked Mr Chau for his "very kind remarks." The Chairman added that the proposal regarding the Directors' fees would be taken up.

The report of the Directors and the statement of accounts were carried unanimously.

Mr Wong Tape proposed that Mr L. J. Davies be elected a Director of the Company and that the retiring Directors, the Hon. Mr Paterson and the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo be re-elected as Directors, and this was seconded by Mr Steavenson.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr Steavenson proposed that Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be appointed Auditors of the Company at a fee of $2,500 to hold office until the date of the next ordinary yearly general meeting, and this was seconded by Mr H. Gittins, and carried unanimously.

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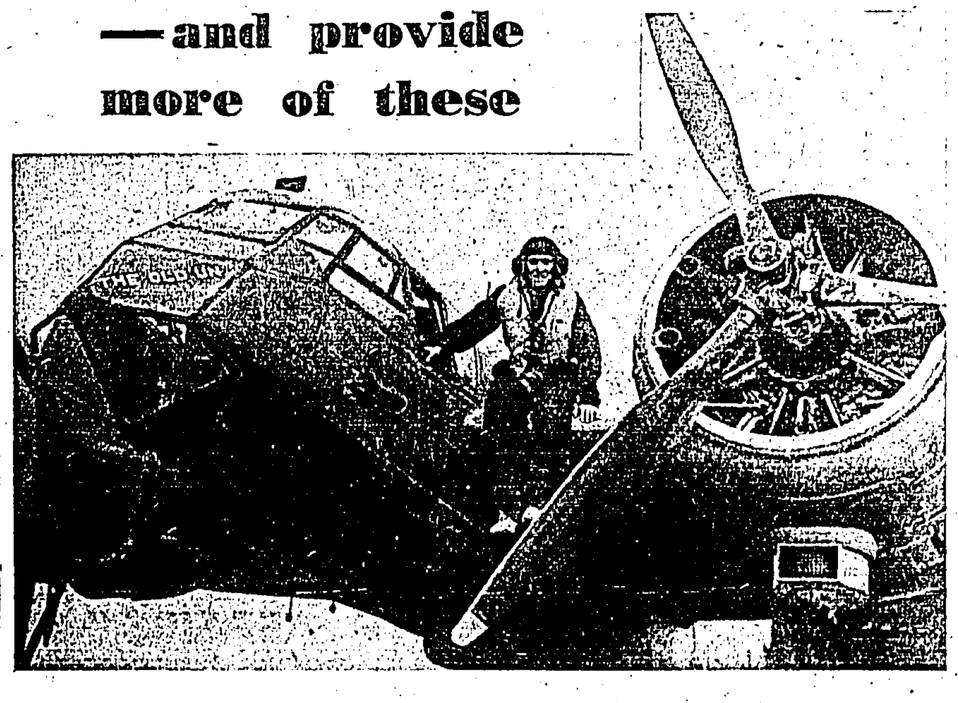
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Insulin Discoverer Found Dead in Plane

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The aeroplane carrying the discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting, which has been missing since Friday, has been located.

The Canadian Munitions Minister, Mr C. D. Howe, made this announcement in the House of Commons to-day.

There are indications that someone is alive in the plane which is in a small bay.

Mr Howe said that a plane equipped with skis was on its way to investigate.

A message was written in the snow near the grounded aircraft.

Canadian officials in Montreal said that the man seen on the Newfoundland Coast is believed to be Captain Mackey, commander of the aeroplane.

The Canadian Defence Headquarters announces that Sir Frederick Banting and two others were killed.

EVACUATION

Britons Leaving North And South China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—More than 500 Britons will be evacuated from Peiping and Tientsin and more than 100 from Canton and Swatow, according to a Shanghai dispatch quoting British sources.

The British evacuees from Canton and Swatow will first proceed to Hongkong and those from Peiping, Tientsin and other parts of North and Central China to Shanghai before they sail for England.

GIANT BOMBER

New York, Feb. 24.

A giant Consolidated bomber, the first of 20 which Britain has ordered from that company, was delivered to Canadian officials after a secret flight from New York.—*United Press.*

BANK MEETING

Shareholders are reminded that the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place to-morrow, Wednesday, at noon at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

AMERY REPORT ON INDIA

Arming at Speed

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—After a tribute to the gallantry of Indian troops in Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, dealing with India's war effort, said that India was now one of the greatest industrial countries in the world as well as one of the greatest producers of foodstuffs and raw materials.

She was already making her own rifles, machine-guns, field artillery and ammunition, and 90 per cent. of all miscellaneous equipment for her forces.

The Indian Army, he said, is being rapidly expanded to a force of 500,000 men, armed, trained, equipped and mechanised on a modern scale, exclusive of troops already serving abroad.

Losses And Thefts

Dr N. C. McLeod of No. 462 The Peak, has reported the theft of a circular mirror in a case from his office, yesterday afternoon.

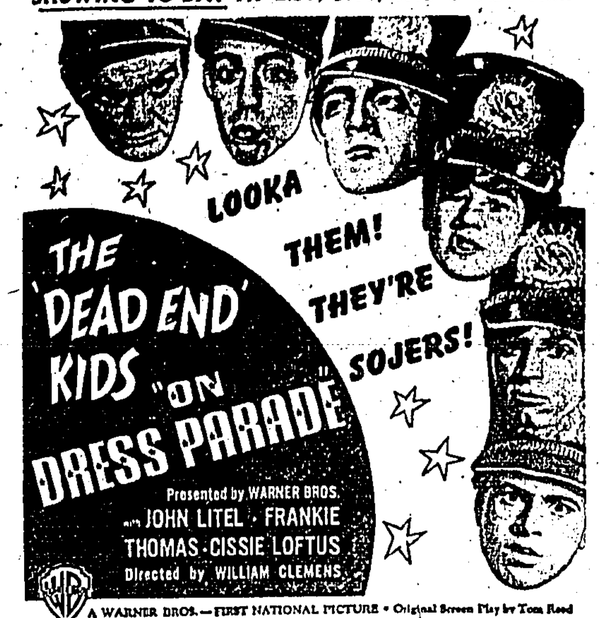
Rev. Father Malone of the Maryknoll Mission, Stanley, has reported the loss of 700 bricks from the Mission compound. The loss was discovered yesterday.

No Parade To-day

Owing to the Bank Holiday there will be no parade of the Training Company at the Murray Barracks this evening.

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Favourite Beaten In Champions

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second favourite. Viceroy was third, five lengths behind Distant View.

Fields were small after the luncheon adjournment, there being only six starters in the Champion Stakes, five in the Australian Champions and five in the Tyro Stakes.

Unpleasant Conditions

A cold wind swept the Valley racecourse this morning and skies were threatening rain when the fourth day's programme of the annual racing carnival opened.

The track appeared still to be on the soft side and the going promised to be slow.

Seventeen ponies faced the starter in the first event at 11.30—the Blue Mountains Plate, the field including several prominent ponies such as Daylight, Endeavour, Fresh Air and Areliber.

C. B. Moller brought home Endeavour to win by a length and a half in 1.48, with Mainsail running second, and A Surprising Time, third four lengths away.

Big Dividends

The Ladies Purse this morning produced not only a keen race, but an upset, when the favourite, Piccadilly Jim was left nowhere, and Mr Treverton rode home his own horse Brutus to pay backers $64.70, while Connieber, finishing third, returned a place dividend of $94.20.

After the race, which Brutus won by three lengths from Springhurst, Miss Joan Smalley presented the Ladies' Purse to Mr Treverton, who, in accordance with time-honoured custom, accompanied Miss Smalley to luncheon.

Rain descended before tiffin to make conditions unpleasant for a while, but the skies cleared soon afterwards, although the conditions were raw and uninviting.

The attendance was affected, only a small crowd being in the enclosures this morning, while there was merely a handful of people inside the Valley.

Results:

1.—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE.—(First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. 1 mile.
202 MRS CHUONG'S Endeavour 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 1
206 SAILBAD THE SINNER'S Mainsail 152 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 2
197 TOOTS' A Surprising Time 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

17 starters.
Won by length and half; four lengths.
Time.—1.48.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $6.20. Places $5.10; $6; $5.40.

2.—GRAND STAND STAKES. — For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. 6 furlongs.
219 MARBER'S Palber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
220 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 149 lb. (D. Black) 2
221 KONG BROS' Wonderful Scheme 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 3

9 starters.
Won by a length; the same.
Time.—1.20.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $6. Places $5.20; $5.50; $5.60.

3.—LADIES' PURSE.—Presented: with $1,000 added for Winner. A Handicap for Australian Subscription Ponies classified "B" Class. 2 miles.
223 TREVERTON'S Brutus 135 lb. (G. Treverton) 1
228 BILLY'S Springhurst 149 lb. (W. G. Poy) 2
225 MARBER I'S Connieber 140 lb. (H. S. Chang) 3

9 starters.
Won by Three lengths; half a length.
Time: 3.51.4.
Pari-mutuel: Winner $64.70. Places $21.60; $23.10; $94.20.

4.—JOCKEY CUP.—A Cup value $100 will be presented to the winning Jockey. A Handicap for China Ponies classified "C" Class. About one mile 171 yards.
236 EVE'S Gladiator 145 lb. (T. W. Chaffey) 1
240 EU TONG-SEN'S Potentate 149 lb. (Chiu Ki-fan) 2
235 T.K.L.'s Galveston Bay 140 lb. (W. Yui) 3

15 starters.
Won by half a length; three lengths.
Time:—2.13.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $102.70. Places $38.70; $32.40; $128.20.

5.—WARREGO PLATE.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. 2 miles.
253 MRS B. HALL'S Never-Never 152 lb. (D. Black) 1
254 C.C.F.'S Santa-Anita 152 lb. (S. C. Liang) 2
248 L.W.S.'S Corsair 149 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 3

11 starters.
Won by two lengths; many lengths.
Time:—3.55.1.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner $27.60. Places $9.50; $6.70; $13.10.

6.—ADELAIDE HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "D" Class. 1 mile.
263 G. TINSON'S Longdon 135 lb. (F. Noodi) 1
266 ELLANDEE'S Roolfy 159 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
257 I.M.M.F.'S A Good Time 135 lb. (H. S. Chang) 3

13 starters.
Won by five lengths; two lengths.
Time.—1.52.2.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $12.30. Places $7.10; $8.90; $13.30.

7.—AUSTRAL HOPEFUL STAKES.—For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. 1½ miles.
271 FEARSTUR'S Marsh Warbler 152 lb. (D. Black) 1
272 LAN'S Mountain View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 2
273 WHY'S National Courage 152 lb. (H. L. Tao) 3

Four starters.
Won by two and half lengths; many lengths.
Time.—3.25.1.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $12. Places $7.50; $12.20.

8.—CHAMPION STAKES.—For China Ponies. 1½ miles.
274 T.K.L.'S Confusion Bay 152 lb. (D. Black) 1
277 CIRE'S Navylight 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 2
228 T.K.L.'S O-Lan 150 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3

Six starters.
Won by two lengths; a length.
Time.—2.26.3.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $15.30. Places $5.60; $6.30; $5.50.

9.—AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS.—For all Australian Ponies. 1½ miles.
283 MRS GRASETT'S Sapper 152 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 1
281 LAN'S Distant View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 2
284 VILAJA'S Viceroy 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

Five starters.
Won by three lengths; five lengths.
Time.—2.17.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $6.00. Places $5.40; $5.00.

10.—TYRO STAKES.—For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. 1 mile.
288 CIRE'S Velvetlight 159 lb. (C. B. Moller) 1
287 T.K.L.'S Oolong 159 lb. (C. Pollock) 2
285 MARBER I'S Charlesber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

Five starters.
Won by half a length; many lengths.
Time.—1.50.1.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $13.40. Places $3.40; $5.40.

11.—AUSTRAL GRAND STAND STAKES.—For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. About 1½ mile 170 yards.
300 CIRE'S Starlight 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 1
290 LEE BROS' Nomine Poenae 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
294 T. & E.'S Hascossay 152 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 3

14 starters.
Won by half a length; short head.
Time.—1.02.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $20.50. Places $6.60; $6.10; $31.00.

12.—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE.—(Second Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. 1 mile.
310 LEE BROS' Lex Fort 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 1
316 LUCKY'S Sydney Lady 152 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2
307 C. H. CHAN'S Bugle 149 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

15 starters.
Won by length and half; the same.
Time.—1.53.
Pari-mutuel.—Winner $19.00. Places $5.80; $5.50; $5.40.

Unrest In Holland Growing

Unrest in Holland is revealing itself in the increasing frequency of street fights and brawls between members of different political parties.

Political argument, and consequent fisticuffs, have even spread to elementary schools, as a broadcast of a new (Nazi) Under-Secretary for Education shows.

"I know," he said, "that you are often discussing politics, the war and the new things you see happening in the streets. Stop those altercations."

He directed the same warnings to pupils at secondary schools, whom he promised "more sports and games as an outlet for your energy."

Tighter Police Control

The Germans are still not satisfied with the attitude of the Dutch police. Many Dutch Nazis have been drafted into the police forces, and street patrols by Dutch Nazi blackshirts, are often attacked and beaten up during the hours of darkness.

Many German policemen and soldiers have been drowned in canals, and a large number of these are believed to have been pushed into the water. In The Hague alone ten miles of railings have been put up along the canal banks.

The Dutch police have been put under the control of German security police, and streets are in future to be patrolled in pairs, one German and one Dutch policeman.

Ban on Tricolour

The Germans have prohibited the display of the Dutch tricolour at meetings or in processions, "because the Netherlands flag is too venerable for such occasions."

After a German sentry at Leyden had been fired upon, the chief of police issued an order to all civilians to surrender firearms. Anyone now found in possession of a firearm is liable to be shot immediately.

Dead Pilot In Nazi Fighter

A German fighter with a dead pilot at the controls was encountered recently by an R.A.F. sergeant pilot over England.

The enemy fighter, one of a number of Messerschmitts which had been intercepted by a Hurricane squadron, was singled out by the sergeant pilot, who was surprised to find that his opponent took no evasive action when attacked and began to lose height in a gentle dive.

Investigated

Deciding that the strange tactics required further investigation, the sergeant pilot closed up and flew alongside the Messerschmitt.

"When I looked into the cockpit I saw the German pilot crumpled up and lying forwarded in his seat," he said afterwards. "He was dead, I am sure, but I decided to stay around for a bit longer and see what happened. I kept alongside that German for quite a few minutes and then flew round and round, but still the gentle dive continued. Then the Messerschmitt slowly turned, dropped into a spin, and, still spinning, crashed to the ground."

Deaf Mutes Married

TWO deaf mutes were married at Queen-street Registry Office in Melbourne recently.

The couple, Mr John O'Grady, of Myrtleford, and Miss Ethel Leber, of Richmond, took the marriage oaths in sign language and lip articulation.

The caution under the marriage act was similarly administered, by the aid of an interpreter, on whose hands the couple kept their eyes throughout the ceremony.

The couple are lucky, for the day before they won £375.

Service for society was urged upon his audience by General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, at a dinner given last night at the Windsor Cafe by Dr C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, in honour of the captains of the various) teams, for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. membership campaign.

British Planes Beat Nazi Bombers

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ing down out of the sky as dusk fell, but though favoured by the failing light, the attack never materialised.

This was the last trouble from skyraiders and the fleet, proceeding on its scheduled course, endeavoured to locate the Italian fleet. Our pursuit of the enemy brought us close to the Italian coast: all guns, from 15-inchers down to the deadly network of pom-poms, swung broadside ready for action, but there was no sign of life from Il Duce's sailors—the British freedom of action in the Mediterranean remains as great as ever.

German Claim

BERLIN, Feb. 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that a British auxiliary cruiser was included in the convoy of 125,000 tons destroyed yesterday. The report says that "after numerous stubborn attacks," the vessels were sunk.

It claimed the recent grand total is 217,300 tons of which 190,300 tons were sunk by U-boats.

Rome Communique

ROME, Feb. 24 (UP).—To-day's communique states: "A German air detachment attacked a British naval formation in the Eastern Mediterranean, hitting a large unit of undetermined type, which probably sank.

THE WAR IN ALBANIA

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positions in the area of the Skumbi Valley, El Bassan, Ilin and Pogradetz from 3 a.m. to-day.

Italian troops in this area have been reinforced during the past week.

Further south in the Devoli and Voyusha Valleys, artillery was heavily engaged to-day.

Several local actions were reported in which Italian infantry attack were repulsed with heavy losses.

In the Ostravitza Mountains, the Greeks captured an important height dominating the Italians' advanced positions.

Minister Sees Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The Greek Minister had an interview with Mr Winston Churchill to-day.

It Means War, The Isolationists Cry

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We will speak all day and all night if necessary," he declared.

He asserted that after the bill has been passed, he and other isolationists plan a nationwide campaign to keep the President from exercising the powers which can plunge the United States into war.

Tantamount To War. Declaration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator D. Worth Clark, admitting that the Lend and Lease Bill will pass, charged that "within the next week or so," the Senate will make a declaration of war but "we will call it the Lend and Lease Bill."

The Senator denied that Britain is fighting America's fight, and said he admired that English type of patriotism but he reserved the right to warn Americans against being dragged into England's war.

Amazing Gang To Send Letters

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in Kwongchowwan. An examination of the firm's accounts revealed that the conveyance of letters was their business and that they were making between $1,000 and $2,000 per month on this trade.

Bundles of Mail

While he was at the house examining the letters third defendant entered carrying a coat in the pockets of which were found 60 letters and also another bundle of letters given her by a firm for sending out of the Colony.

The woman admitted that she was employed by first defendant who was the head of the "agency." The firm had been doing this business for the last four or six months. While the ordinary letter postage to Kwangchowwan was 30 cents, letters sent through the "agency" were conveyed for about 12 cents. All the letters were business letters, but there was the danger of other letters being sent also, and the fact that Government was being defrauded.

First and second defendants were fined $500 or six months, and the third $100 on each of the two charges, or two months, the sentences, in default, to run concurrently.

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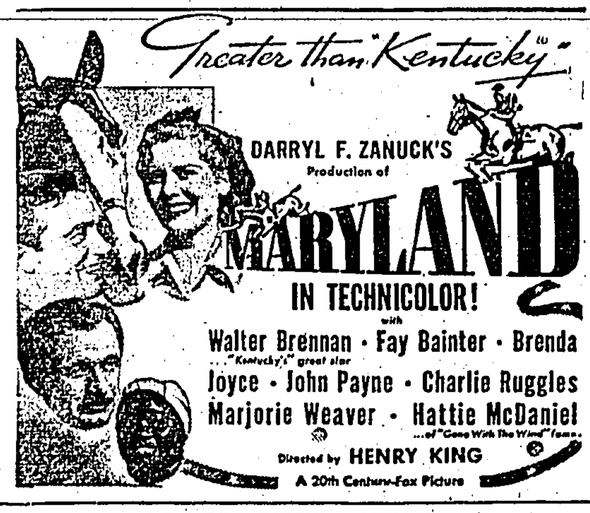
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Familiar Singapore Character Passes

One of Singapore's most familiar figures, 60-year-old Mohamed Ibrahim, bill collector for Raffles Hotel for more than 12 years, died in Singapore recently.

Mohamed Ibrahim with his short beard and moustache and wrinkled face was well-known to hundreds of people in Singapore to whom his appearance meant "Oh, yes, my bill at Raffles Hotel."

Friml's Chinese Opera Ready

China, to composer Rudolf Friml, is Chinese music and little else.

Friml, who recently returned to Hollywood from a two-year stay in Hongkong, says he knows little of politics or the war situation in the Far East, having devoted himself to studying the native music.

He also composed a new operetta, "Sing Song Girl."

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